

Sheep and Goat Raiser

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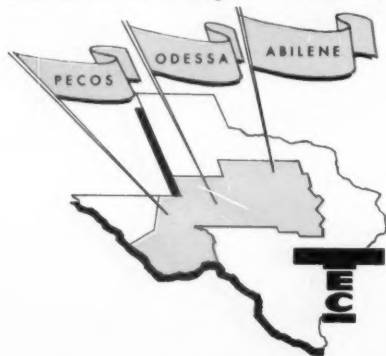
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... Since it has been our pleasure to serve you and the farmers and ranchers of the Great Southwest for many years past, we feel that it is our obligation to give you the facts so that you can decide for yourself who is trying to help you and who is giving you a lot of "baloney."

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... As we said before — we have very few leaders, but lots of followers, which was true when C. J. Martin & Sons, Inc., made their sensational announcement that all their NEW IMPROVED DRENCHES were being made from extra fine Phenothiazine.

... Everybody wanted to get on the band wagon. Some tried it by adding minerals — some by cutting prices — some by an unusual outlay of money for advertising — and still others by saying their drenches were just as good as Austin's Drenches.

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From the Association Office . . .

By TOM WALLACE

Executive Secretary

NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS CONVENTION

THE NATIONAL Wool Growers Association held its 95th annual convention at the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio January 24-27. Representatives from our Texas Association were there in strength and we wish to thank them for their presence and assistance in the committee and general business meetings of the convention.

Many important matters of vital interest to all sheep producers were discussed and the plans and resolutions for the improvement of promotion and advertising, legislation, organization and other areas of the Association work should produce beneficial and far-reaching results. All 1959 officers were re-elected and Texas is being ably represented in one of the Vice President positions by Penrose B. Metcalfe of San Angelo.

We urge our members to take an active part in these conventions, both National and State, for this is where everyone has an opportunity to make his views known in committee meetings and general discussions with others who have mutual interests and problems.

Texas was glad to be the host for the convention and we feel that it was a very successful one.

"MAKE IT YOURSELF WITH WOOL" FINALS

Mrs. S. M. Harvick of Ozona and her hardworking assistants are due our full appreciation for what they have done to bring about a very successful year in the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest in Texas. The contests in the districts were well managed as were state and national finals. In the national finals, Miss Paula Joan Obrecht of Claude, Texas, won first place in the Senior Division and Miss Marcheta Wood of O'Donnell, Texas, won second place in the Junior Division.

STATE COMMITTEES

T. A. Kincaid of Ozona will represent our Association on the Texas Animal Health Council for 1960. He has done a lot of good work in our Association as Chairman of our Animal Health Committee and we feel that he will give us good representation on this important state committee.

Appointees to the Texas Agricultural Water Committee from our Association are J. B. McCord of Coleman, Lance Sears of Sweetwater, T. A. Kincaid of Ozona and Fred Wulff of Brady. These men have given freely of their time and ability on Associ-

ation problems and will provide us effective representation on this state committee. This is a very important committee which deals with water problems of vital concern to all ranch people.

WOOL

The following information has been taken from the Farm and Ranch Bulletin of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank:

The outlook for wool through the first half of 1960 is one of strong demand and stable prices at levels above a year earlier. Domestic production of shorn wool in 1959 was 5 percent higher than in the preceding year and is expected to increase slightly in 1960. The average price received by growers for shorn wool for the 1959-60 marketing year probably will be 10 to 15 percent higher than that received in 1958-59.

The incentive level for the nation's producers for the 1960 marketing year (April 1, 1960 to March 31, 1961) has been set at 62c per pound for shorn wool, or 86% of the October 1959 parity price. The support level for mohair is 70c per pound, which is 74% of the October parity price. Both are at the same dollar-and-cents levels which have been in effect for the five years of the incentive programs.

COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

It has been my privilege to attend several junior livestock shows in the last few weeks. The Four-H Club and FFA workers and members, county agents, vocational agriculture teachers and others who help put on these shows for our young boys and girls deserve the thanks of the TS&GRA membership.

While in Rocksprings for a show, I was happy to see Miss Phyllis Sweeten exhibiting her fine goats with expert showmanship. As you know, she is Miss Mohair of Texas and in this capacity has done a commendable job in promoting mohair. In addition to her active participation in livestock shows, she has made many appearances across the state. At the request of the TS&GRA, Miss Sweeten appeared at the SMU-Navy football

game last fall where she presented the U. S. Naval Academy with a new mascot goat donated by Adam Morris of Rocksprings. In this appearance, she brought the attention of many people to the mohair industry and we appreciate the fine job she did. TS&GRA contributes \$1,000.00 annually to the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association for the promotion of Miss Mohair.

MARCH QUARTERLY MEETING

The March quarterly meeting will be held in Brownwood March 26 at the Brownwood Hotel. We urge all our members to be present and bring their friends and neighbors with them. We will have more details about the meeting in the March Sheep and Goat Raiser.



ADAM WILSON, JR. HONORED

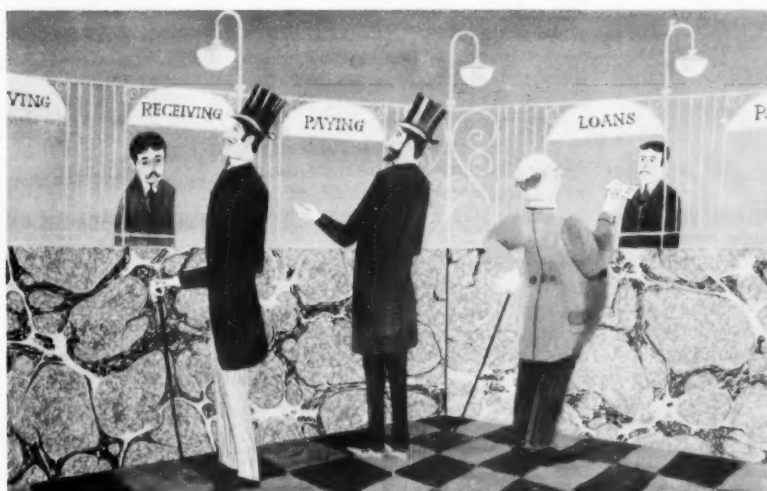
ONE OF THE most loved men in the livestock business is Adam Wilson, Jr., of Hunt in Kerr County, whose work in promoting the livestock business has covered just about every phase of progressive endeavor from soil conservation, scientific breeding practices to livestock shows.

The recent Hill Country District Livestock Show held at Kerrville was dedicated to Mr. Wilson, a former president. A most appropriate dedication it was, too, because few men have worked so conscientiously and constructively through the years to build a worthwhile livestock show. The results of his efforts are plain to see. The Hill Country District Show is a model of efficiency. It is a well housed, superbly planned and smoothly run organization, dedicated to interesting, educational training in animal husbandry, more especially for young people.

A catalog of the 1960 show signed by hundreds of the friends of Adam Wilson, Jr. was presented to him recently. It is a richly deserved tribute to a dedicated man. More lasting is the indelible impression the work Adam Wilson, Jr. has made on the hearts and minds of thousands in the industry.

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association will pay a reward of \$500.00 for information leading to the arrest and final conviction of anyone stealing sheep or goats from a member or members of the Association. Law enforcement officers are excluded from this offer. The information must be furnished to any law enforcement officer or to the Secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association at its office, Cactus Hotel Annex, San Angelo, Texas. Telephone 6242 or 25612, San Angelo.

TEXAS SHEEP & GOAT RAISERS' ASSOCIATION



Banks used to be thought of as marble halls where only the rich were welcome and the ordinary citizen was out of place. This scene is from a historical film-strip on banking and money produced by American Express.

Today banks are "money supermarkets" with a large and growing number of services. Bank management now emphasizes sales - promotion - mindedness and eagerness to do business with everyone. Modernization in bank architecture features inviting interiors.

What You Should Know About Banking

"Know thyself" is always a good rule, but there are times when it pays even better to "know thy banker." Understanding banks and bankers can not only help you get a loan when you need one; the knowledge may also help you save time, save money, and avoid costly mistakes. Yet, because banks have changed so greatly during the past few years, rare is the person who uses bank services to his fullest advantage.

THE CHANGE IN BANKING

Banks used to be stodgy institutions serving rich people. The banker was viewed as a powerful lord to be approached hat in hand for urgently needed loans. Bank architecture was massive, designed to give the appearance of strength and reliability. Today, even many businessmen and young moderns are unaware of how greatly all this has changed.

Banks are now like money supermarkets; money-saving opportunities are available if you know what to look for. Bankers have become eager retailers; they want to lend money — and even advertise to find borrowers — because interest payments are a bank's biggest source of income. The whole appearance of newer bank buildings — inviting glass fronts, lighting you can read by, tellers you can see without peering through bars—reflects the eagerness of bankers to attract business. Even modern packaging methods are being used, for travelers cheques, to save customers time and win goodwill for banks.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

How many bank services can you name? Four? Five? Most people think only three: savings accounts, checking accounts, loans. Actually,

however, a bank may be useful to you in more than a dozen different ways.

Need a safe for valuables? A way to send money overseas? Financing for a new car? Home improvement? A charge account on local merchants? Impartial advice about investments? Someone to see that you receive bond dividends on time, and place the money in an interest-earning account? These are just a few of the often-overlooked services that many banks now offer.

Short term loans are a good example of how money can be saved by dealing with a bank. If you borrow from a finance company, you may have to pay three or four times as much interest as a bank would charge. Why? It's not that the finance company is robbing you; it's just the company generally gets its money from a bank—you have to pay the company's overhead plus bank interest.

One of the fastest-growing bank services is packaged travelers cheques. Banks stock them pre-packed in wallets, all ready to be picked up in the amounts and denominations most people want. There's no more

waiting while cheques are sorted and numbers recorded. All you do is sign your name. Then you can spend the cheques anywhere in the world. If they are lost, stolen or destroyed, you get a prompt refund or replacement of your unused cheques. Banks use the system originated by American Express, so that when you travel with these cheques, it's like having a world-wide bank account.

Because bank activities are now supervised by federal and state laws, banks are becoming increasingly popular as executors of wills. The job of an executor: make sure the money goes where the person leaving it wanted it to go. With its legal complexities, this is usually no job for an inexperienced friend or relative, many people feel.

Then there are checking accounts—know how many types? Regular, special, joint & survivor, "ready-credit," etc. They have differences that may be important to you. Ask your banker to explain, along with the charges. On savings accounts, one bank advertises it offers no less than 25 different types, each serving a slightly different purpose.

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From the . . . President's Desk

By LUCIUS M. STEPHENS

WE ARE now entering the transition period from the old year to the new year — a period that carries optimism on the one hand and a semaphore of caution on the other. This applies to both the sheep and the goat industry.

On the optimist side, we are entering the coming spring with probably the best season in the ground since 1919 over the major part of

all Texas; a very light feed bill compared with the drought years, the flocks consist mostly of young animals in good condition, good lamb and kid crops now coming.

With the Wool Act of 1954 and the extension of it still in effect, we are assured of a living price for wool during this year.

With fifty percent of the spring mo-

hair clip now contracted at excellent prices, this practically assures us a good season on mohair, with the goat market responding to mohair prices. While it is true that the hair market is quiet at the moment, there is none being offered to test the market. With shearing near at hand we feel an active market will begin in the near future. Texas is now producing 25 million pounds annually, which represents one half of the world production.

Threats over the horizon to our industry must be watched very diligently, and your state and national organizations are on the job. From the sheep and wool side, there are the imports of live lambs and frozen carcasses entering our market as well as imported beef. We will be present at the first tariff hearing in Washington,

now set for March 22, at which time every effort will be expended to convince the Tariff Commission that the imports constitute a real threat. Every power at hand will be used to induce them to see our situation and do something about it.

In the mohair field, it is to our interest to see that mohair will be included in the new styles for the year and keep the demand up. At the moment we find that stylists are using mohair in both men's and women's apparel around the world. It is our job to keep this operation repeating.

In closing, I wish to assure all wool and mohair growers that the officers and directors of your Association are not leaving a stone unturned for everything that is for the good of the industry. You are invited to come to our quarterly meeting in Brownwood March 26 and hear our problems discussed. All growers, both members and non-members, are welcome.

Welcome . . .

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OFFICIALS ELECTED BY PRODUCERS WAREHOUSE

PRODUCERS WOOL and Mohair Company of Del Rio re-elected all directors at the recent annual shareholders' meeting of the firm, and the directors re-elected all officers.

Directors of the organization are: A. R. Brotherton, Virgil Cauthorn, Max P. Herbst, I. F. Ingram, B. F. Peirce, W. S. Stevenson, W. B. Whitehead, and B. E. Wilson.

Officers re-elected are: C. W. Wardlaw, president and general manager; B. E. Wilson, first vice-president; Cauthorn, Stevenson, and Peirce, vice-president; Peirce, secretary-treasurer; and L. D. Nixon, assistant secretary-treasurer.

The directors voted a 10% dividend on the firm's capital stock of \$160,000 in December.

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Welcome

Welcome to the 27th Annual San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo! Each year we look forward with great pleasure to the time when our local, area, and visiting rodeo friends join in making the San Angelo show the success it has been and will continue to be.

Particularly does the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo dedicate itself to the endeavor of creating a more prosperous livestock industry in this area of the great Southwest.

It is with much gratitude that we look back at the growth of our show and note that this success has been due in a large part to your dedicated support — further, we fully realize that the future growth of the show is contingent primarily upon this single factor.

With this in mind, may we, on behalf of the officers, directors and staff of the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo Association, say "Thank You" and at the same time "Welcome" to this year's events.

Sincerely,
FRED BALL
President

EVERYTHING is lining up for one of the best San Angelo Fat Stock Shows ever held in San Angelo. The business and ranch people in the San Angelo area are cooperating to the best of their ability to make the March 9 - 12, 1960 Stock Show and Rodeo most interesting and worthwhile to both participants and visitors.

Special Awards

In addition to the individual premiums, special awards will be given for the neatest exhibit of lambs and calves, and for the best showmanship. There will be an award of \$15 offered to the County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter which has the neatest exhibit of lambs and \$15 for the neatest exhibit of calves.

One spur clip each for the best showmanship in the Calf Division, Fat Lamb and Sheep Division. Any exhibitor is eligible to win only one clip.

Commercial Baby Beef Show

M. B. Inman, Jr. is Superintendent of this division. \$1,500 for this class will be furnished by the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo Association. Prize money or premiums will be based on total points awarded all calves divided into total dollars set aside for this division. This figure will give value per point. Maximum value per point will be \$50. Competition here should be good.

Junior Fat Lamb Show

The Junior Fat Lamb Show is un-

der the supervision of Clovis Olsak. Entries in this show are expected to exceed that of any previous year of the show. Thirty ribbons will be given in each class, and rosettes awarded the champions and reserve champions. The best group of 15 fine wool and best group of 15 crossbred will receive \$30, \$25, and \$20 for the top three groups in each class.

Junior Breeding Sheep Show

Rushing Sheffield, Superintendent of the Junior Breeding Sheep said this show has become one of the most popular during the past few years. The First Premium Exhibitor (winner of the most points, each dollar premium money to count one point) will be awarded the Wallace Dameron Memorial Trophy, presented by some Texas members of American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association. The Second Premium Exhibitor will receive the Leonard Richardson Trophy, presented by the Richardson's.

Junior Range Ewe Lamb Show

This show headed by Herman Carter, has proved to be one of the most interesting events. Lambs to be eligible for this show must come from commercial range flocks. They cannot be registered, nor can they be subject to being registered. Premiums will range from twenty - five \$10 awards up to \$200.

Junior Hereford Breeding Show

Dawson Coleman, Superintendent says the owner of the Champion Heifer here will be awarded a registered heifer by Love and Wallace, Sonora, Texas. This heifer is to be brought back to the show next year if possible. Prize money will range from \$15 up to \$80.

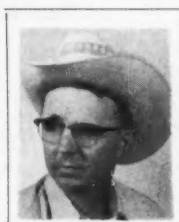
Junior Poultry Show

This show will be supervised by W. C. Whitehurst. Premiums will be paid in two classes Superior \$10 and Excellent \$5.

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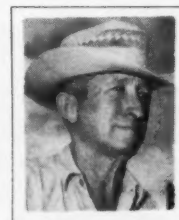
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JOHNNY RINGO COMES TO TOWN . . .

Outstanding Rodeo Planned in San Angelo's New Coliseum

THE SAN Angelo Fat Stock Show opening in San Angelo Fair Grounds March 9th will be one of the largest held since its inception 27 years ago. An improvement program at the fair grounds, costing \$8,000, is in the completion stages and will be ready for the exhibitors in March. These improvements will make room for more sheep entries and also for commercial exhibits, and rehabilitate the over-all present facilities.

NEW SHEEP BARN

The new sheep barn 280 by 200 feet will have a show ring and the walk-ways will be built up and hard surfaced. There will be no mud to walk in to see the exhibit stock here. The show arena will be 80 by 200 feet and in the center of the building. There also will be a ten-foot sidewalk in front of the new building.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBIT BUILDING

The old sheep barn will be converted into the San Angelo Commercial Exhibit Building. A new concrete floor will be installed and there will be room for some 110 exhibition spaces. Exhibitors in the building will include marine supply, home appliances, bakery, construction, nursery, music, floor covering, iron works, trailers, western clothing, packing, feed, and ranch supplies.

Gail Wiginton with the San Angelo Board of City Development said exhibit space is still available and information may be had by writing the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo Association, P. O. Box 172, San Angelo, Texas or calling 3725.

DOOR PRIZE — A MERCURY BOAT

In connection with the Commercial Exhibit Building a door prize will be awarded some exhibit visitor over eighteen years of age. The lucky person will receive a new fully equipped 15-foot fiberglass Texan boat, and "Easy-Load" Trailer to haul the boat on. The boat, manufactured in San Angelo, has a 60 H.P. Mercury motor and steering and is equipped with running lights, electric starter, generator and has upholstered seats.

TOP FLIGHT RODEO

Harry Knight and Company of Fowler, Colorado will produce the rodeo for the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Everett Colborn of Dublin, Texas will be associate producer. Harry Knight's stock is some of the toughest in the nation. He had more bucking horses in the World's National Finals at Dallas than any other outfit. The stock for the world's finals was selected for toughness by the top cowboys from all over the nation.

SADDLE BRONCS

In 1958 M. Knight had one of his horses by the name of Joker selected as the outstanding bucking horse of the year. Joker was again in the lead for bucking horses when he died from tetanus. Another horse of Mr. Knight's named Jake is taking Joker's place in the bucking horses. He will be in the San Angelo rodeo. Jake is a big stout horse and last year he bucked off most of the top riders in the country including twice world's champion bronc rider Deb Copenhaver at the last performance of the National Finals.

Among his other saddle broncs are Good By Dan, and a new horse Blue Bill that is a big gray gelding out of the northwest, and Misty Mix who has also brought down the majority of top bronc riders at one time or another.

SENSATIONAL BARE BACK HORSES

One of the high score rides of 1959 was made on Come-Apart, a bay gelding bare back horse, by Bert France at the National Finals. Chili Cole, of San Angelo who saw this ride said it was one of the most sensational rides he'd ever seen. Another horse is a big sorrel called Devil's Partner who is real showy and tough to ride. Sleeper is also a bucking horse that has an outstanding and exciting style of bucking all his own. Mr. Cole said, "Mr. Knight has a corral full of top notch horses that are right on the heels of the best in the nation. He also has a string of impossible and near impossible bulls. Many of them won't be ridden all year and some will be ridden only once or twice."



DOOR PRIZE AT COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

This sleek new 15-foot fiberglass Texan boat will be awarded some lucky winner as a door prize to the Commercial Exhibits Building, during the San Angelo Fat Stock Show. The boat is manufactured in San Angelo and the "Easy-Load" trailer it is setting on goes with the boat. The boat has a 60 H.P. Mercury motor and steering, is equipped with running lights, electric starter and generator.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN CLOWNS

Gene and Bobby Clark, clowns from Bakersfield, California have entertained San Angelo rodeo fans for the past several years, but only Gene will be here this year. Bobby has a broken leg and has it in a cast. He will be replaced by Buck Le Grande, of Oklahoma. This will be Mr. Le Grande's first appearance in San Angelo, but he is one of the nation's top clowns. He has clowned in the majority of the major rodeos in the nation including Madison Square Gardens the past several years. They promise a good show.

JOHNNY RINGO, DON DURANT, RODEO STAR

The rodeo this year will feature Don Durant, star of television's exciting show Johnny Ringo. Due to the fact that there are no serious conflicts with other rodeos, participation by the nation's outstanding RCA performers is virtually assured for the rodeo. Admission to the parking lot and the Fairgrounds will be free. Rodeo tickets range in price from \$3.50 to \$2.00 and will go on sale at the Board of City Development office, 221 South Chadbourne on February 15th. Friday afternoon's performance will be a Children's Day affair with general admission tickets only selling at one dollar each.



TELEVISION STAR FEATURED AT RODEO

Don Durant, better known to the television world as "Johnny Ringo", will be featured at each of the rodeo performances of the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo. Mr. Durant appears as Johnny Ringo in that same show each Thursday evening at 8:30 over the CBS Television Network program.



STOCK SHOW PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

8:00 A.M.—All livestock in place
8:00 A.M.—Weighing, Classifying, and Sifting
1:00 P.M.—Adult Delaine Sheep Show
1:00 P.M.—Adult Rambouillet Breeding Sheep Show
4:00 P.M.—Sale of Sifted Livestock

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 A.M.—Fat Lamb Show
10:30 A.M.—Junior Poultry Show
1:00 P.M.—Junior Open Rambouillet Sheep Show
1:00 P.M.—Junior Breeding Hereford Show
1:00 P.M.—Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Show
2:00 P.M.—Hereford Cattle Show

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

8:30 A.M.—Junior Range Ewe Lamb Show
10:00 A.M.—Steer Show
1:00 P.M.—Junior Rambouillet Sheep Show
1:00 P.M.—Junior Delaine Breeding Sheep Show

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

8:00 A.M.—FFA and 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
10:00 A.M.—Commercial Sale

Parade of Champions prior to rodeo Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

The San Angelo Livestock Show

(Continued from page 7)

Adult Breeding Sheep Show

Leo Richardson will be supervising this division. Only Rambouillet and Delaine-Merino sheep will compete. Ribbons and rosettes awarded here and the prize money will range from \$2 to \$10 in the various classes.

Registered Hereford Breeding Cattle

This show headed by Bill Lee offers premiums from \$5 up to \$15 in the different classes. Mr. Lee expects a large number of quality cattle in this year's show.

Aberdeen-Angus Breeding Cattle

This show growing in popularity each year is supervised by Joe Lemley and offers liberal cash premium for the prize animals.

Junior Livestock Judging Contest

R. B. Dooley, Superintendent, says hundreds of boys and girls will be participating in the Livestock Judging contest. Prizes here will be a watch for the First Place and Plaques for all other winners. Prizes will be awarded to the first four place teams, to the three high individuals, to high individuals in each division of livestock, to high teams in each division of livestock.

Livestock Auction Sale

The Livestock Auction Sale will be held Saturday March 12, at 10:00 A.M. Sixty fat lambs will be sold individually at auction. The number sold from each class will be determined on a percentage basis of total number of fat lambs shown.

Commercial calves will be sold in groups as placed.

Champion and Reserve Champion broilers will be sold individually. Other poultry entered will be sold at the option of owner in groups according to their placings of superior, excellent or good.

All exhibitors must arrange to take care of animals sold in the commercial sale until Sunday, March 13. Animals that are sold through the auction ring cannot be bought back by the exhibitor.

ANNUAL HEALTH CLINIC

THE QUARTERLY meeting of the producers of veterinary supplies will be held at the L. C. R. A. building in Kerrville, February 29 at 9 A.M. All ranchmen are invited.

W. A. (Bill) Ward, vice-president and sales manager of the Aggie Chemical Industries, San Antonio, is president of the organization. Texas Producers of Veterinary Supplies is a non-profit organization.

A well-rounded program will be prepared for the meeting.

CEN-TEX ANGORA GOAT SALE PLANNED

THE CENTRAL-TEXAS Registered Angora Goat Breeders' Association set the date for its annual sale at its meeting in Goldthwaite on January 20. The sale will be held August 27 in the F. F. A. Agricultural Barn in Goldthwaite.

Officers elected by the Association to serve for the coming year are: Col. V. Z. Cornelius, president; Robert Kerby, vice-president; and Dr. T. C. Graves, secretary.

Directors named by the group for 1960 are: Glynn Nickols, H. B. Jernigan, David Watters, E. L. Luckie, H. M. Stone, Johnnie Martin, Forrest McGregor, C. R. Dixon, Otho Medart, and D. Barnett.

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Area Contest Winners

GROWING INTEREST SHOWN IN HILL COUNTRY CONTEST

FOUR LOVELY young ladies were named winners in the District Six "Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool" contest in Kerrville, Saturday evening, January 9th.

First place winners were Barbara Kullenberg of Kerrville in the senior division and Felicia Fisher of Kerrville in the junior dress division. Jeanine Hicks of Bandera won first place in the junior ensemble class and Judy Rotramel of Devine first in the junior suit division.

In the sub-deb class, Irene Albrecht of Kerrville was first place winner, and Joyce Ann Meier of Fredericksburg placed first in the beginners' class.

Mrs. Louis Strohacker was district contest chairman and was assisted by Mrs. Jack Groff.

The judges for the contest, held in the Tivy Auditorium, were Mrs. R. G. Jordan, Bexar County Home Demonstration Agent; Mrs. Nan Ell Moore, Blanco County Home Demonstration Agent; and Miss Frances Coleman, Assistant Professor of Home Economics at SWTTC. Commentator for the show was Mrs. Felix Real, Jr.

Girls in all districts over the state were judged on a 100-point basis.

Thirty points were possible for workmanship from cutting the garment to the finishing. Ten points were given on the general appearance of the costume and 40 on the way it looked on the girl — in suitability, fit, and accessories. Lastly, the contestant was judged on posture, poise, grooming and attitude, for a possible 20 points.

DISTRICT FIVE WINNERS NAMED

THE DISTRICT Five division of the Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool contest was held January 9 in the Junction High School Auditorium with Miss Paula Woodard of Junction winning top honors.

Miss Woodard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Woodard, placed first in the junior division with 92 points. She was also the top placing entry in the contest.

Mrs. Pierce Hoggett, Jr. of Junction placed first in the senior division with a total of 89 points. She and Miss Woodard will go to the state contest.

Also traveling to the state contest will be the following high-placing girls in the junior division of the



Hill Country Winners—(Left to right)—Judy Rotramel, Devine; Barbara Kullenberg, Kerrville; Felicia Fisher, Kerrville; Jeanine Hicks, Bandera.

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District Five contest: Miss Ann Vir-dell of Rochelle, 91 points; Miss Edna Marlene Faught of Eldorado, 87 points; and Miss Jetty Della Young of Sonora, 84 points.

Winners in the Sub-deb division which ended with the district contest were Donna Fife and Diane Murr, who tied for first place with 81

points each, and Patsy Angarano, second place. All these girls are from Junction.

The District is composed of Kimble, Menard, Schleicher, Sutton, Mason, McCullough, and San Saba Counties. Mrs. G. R. Kothmann served as chairman of the District Five contest.

Prizes were awarded to all the winners by area business firms and individuals.

ROBERTA ANN WATTERS DISTRICT FOUR WINNER

MISS ROBERTA ANN Watters of San Angelo took first place honors in the District Four "Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool" Contest which was held January 7 in the Ballinger High School auditorium.

Miss Lynda Joan Carter of Eola won first place in the junior division, and Pat Hester of Eola placed first in the sub-deb class. Miss Watters winning entry was in the senior division.

Girls placing second in the contest were Miss Mary Ann Selman of Eden, senior division, and Miss Dortha Montgomery of Ballinger, junior division.

The girls placing first and second in the contest will go to the state contest to represent their district.

Mrs. Loyd Herring was chairman of the District Four contest. Mrs. S. M. Harvick of Ozona is the state contest chairman.



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BLANCO COUNTY WINNERS NAMED

THE BLANCO County "Make - It - Yourself - With - Wool" Contest was held December 16 at the high school in Johnson City. Thirteen girls were entered in the contest and modeled their wool garments. They were divided into three groups, senior, junior, and sub-deb.

County show winners, chosen to

take part in the District Show in Austin, were: Senior Division: Corrie Crofts, Mary Ruth Sultemeier, and Sally Casparis, alternate. Junior Division: Diana Jones, Joan Lindig, and La Nell Morgan, alternate. Sub-deb: Pauline Weirich.

Prizes were awarded to all thirteen girls who entered the contest. Mrs. E. Bergman and her committee were in charge of the contest. Prizes were donated by business firms in the contest area.



Winners in the Blanco County "Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool" Contest are left to right: Joan Lindig, Pauline Weirich, Corrie Ann Crofts, Mary Ruth Sultemeier, Diana Jones, Patsy Felfs, La Nell Morgan, and Sally Casparis.

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The Stockman's Guide

By M. E. ENSMINGER, Chairman
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Stock Show Honesty

AT THE Chicago International — the world's greatest livestock exposition — some dozen-and-a-half fat steers in the junior (4-H and FFA) division were disqualified for alleged "tampering" — for filling and/or cutting. Of course, the rumor mills immediately flourished; one writer even editorialized that another "H" for honesty should be added to 4-H.

Steers Disqualified at Chicago International

"Sharp" practices should be condemned, and those who violate the rules of the show game should be penalized by being barred from competition. However, let us analyze this situation for a moment. What causes a few exhibitors to resort to such unethical practices? Who taught these few youngsters such alleged sharp practices in the first place, if, indeed, they did not do it for them?

Naturally, the motivating force back of such deception is the desire to win; the philosophy that winning is not only the most important thing, it is the only thing. And back of each winner is a judge; the judge who sets show-ring fashions—for better or worse. As evidence that judges and

show-ring standards are not infallible, the following situations are not pleasantly recalled: (1) wool blindness in sheep; (2) the shifts in swine types — the short, chuffy pigs that were in vogue in the American show-ring from 1890 to 1910, and the tall, rangy hogs that dominated shows from 1915 to 1925; and (3) the "comprest" and "compact" cattle of the thirties and forties.

I contend that judges must take a good share of the blame for "tampering" — for such cutting or filling of cattle as exists; just as they must for wool-blind sheep, chuffy and rangy hogs, and too small cattle. The reasoning back of this statement is simply this: Most plastic surgery or filling is applied to one or all of four locations; namely the fore flank, the rear flank, the tie in the back, or around the tail head — for the most part relatively cheap cuts of meat. Stated differently, there isn't a shred of experimental evidence to show that animals that are not deficient in these four areas — animals that are rounded out in these areas naturally through breeding and feeding — possess more valuable carcasses than animals showing holes or deficiencies in these locations. Further, some pretty good

cattlemen have the feeling that the really thick ones are the ones with ties. This being true, why should a judge penalize an animal — place it down in the show-ring — simply because it is slightly cut up in the fore or rear flank or because it possesses a tie in the back or a tie on either side of the tail head?

Finally, I think it is bad to question a person's honesty and integrity unless one can be absolutely sure; and, personally, I'm not convinced that even an expert can always tell with certainty when an animal has been tampered with, much less discern between tampering and some injury or abnormal tissue from natural causes. For this reason, I have never, in 23 years of teaching, accused a student of cheating in an exam. And, too, why pick on the youngsters? I am sure that more tampering — more cutting and filling — is practiced among the oldsters; besides, such sharp practices as exist on calves in the junior division were more than likely done by some old pro who would have been superb had he plied his art as a human plastic surgeon.

Determining The Age Of Cattle By The Teeth

There is nothing mysterious about being able to tell the approximate age of cattle by the teeth. It is simply a matter of noting the time of appearance and the degree of wear of the temporary and of the permanent teeth. It should be realized, however, that theoretical knowledge is not sufficient and that anyone who would become proficient must also have practical experience. Of course, the best way to learn how to recognize age in any class of farm animals is to examine the teeth of individuals of known ages.

Some breed associations and livestock shows are now muzzling cattle in an attempt to avoid dishonesty in the age classifications. Such policing is predicated on the theory that the older animals within each age class show to advantage — that judges do give consideration to weight for age. Frankly, my observations do not bear this out in fat steer shows; and I also question that it happens too much in breeding classes, although weight for age in breeding animals is currently receiving more consideration than it did a decade ago.

Finally, old time horsemen, who were pretty deft in telling the age of equines, freely admitted that genetic and feed differences would throw them off — sometimes by as much as a whole year. Until the cattle experts properly sample a cattle breed, of different genetic and feed background

and also with infallible birth records against which to check — until they can prove that they are at least 98 per cent accurate under these circumstances — let us go a little slowly in this matter. Otherwise, some honest person is likely to be hurt because of plying a method which is only reasonably accurate.

Raising Orphans

A calf, a lamb, a pig, or a foal may be orphaned through sickness or death of the mother or because of the inability of the mother to suckle. In any event, the most satisfactory arrangement is to provide a foster mother.

When it is impossible to transfer an orphan to another mother, it may be raised either on cow's milk or on a commercial milk replacer. Of course, the problem will be simplified if the orphaned young has received some colostrum (the first milk) from its mother, or from another dam. If cow's milk is used, it should be from a low-testing cow or it should be diluted; milk replacer should be mixed according to the manufacturer's directions. Both cow's milk and milk replacer should be warmed to 100 degrees Fahrenheit. During the first few days, the orphan should be fed regularly every two hours. Gradually, the quantity may be increased and the intervals spaced further apart. All utensils should be kept absolutely clean and sanitary (clean and scald each time). Grain feeding of orphans should be started at the earliest time possible.

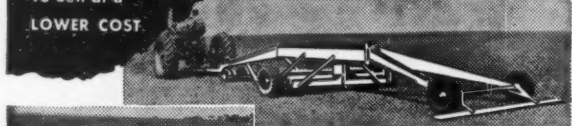
Generally orphaned pigs, calves and foals can be transferred to foster mothers without too much difficulty. Grafting lambs isn't so simple, however, primarily because ewes recognize their young through an acute sense of smell. To meet the latter situation, two procedures are common: Sometimes a ewe will accept another lamb provided that the lamb to be adopted is first rubbed with the body of the dead lamb that it is to replace. Though a bit more bothersome, a more effective approach consists of removing the skin from the dead lamb and tying it over the lamb to be adopted. Then, after two or three days, the skin may be removed gradually, a piece at a time. The latter method is commonly used in the range bands of the West.

Bloat

Bloat in ruminants, especially in cattle and sheep, has been reported since Biblical times, but even now — 2,000 years later — it costs U. S. cattle and sheep producers more than 40 million dollars annually. Thirty-



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How To Lessen Bloat

No sure way of preventing bloat is known, but the incidence may be lessened through the following:

1. *Breeding.* — Experiments have confirmed that certain families or strains of cattle are more susceptible to bloat than others; and it seems reasonable to assume that the same situation applies to sheep. This means that one can and should select away from those families that show a high incidence of bloat.

2. *Management practices.* — Bloat may be lessened through observing the following simple management practices:

- (1) Avoiding straight legume pastures.
- (2) Feeding dry forage along with pasture.
- (3) Avoiding a rapid fill from an empty start.
- (4) Keeping animals continuously on pasture after they are once turned out.
- (5) Keeping salt and water conveniently accessible at all times.
- (6) Avoiding frosted pastures.
- (7) Avoiding rations high in barley and alfalfa hay.
- (8) Chopping roughages coarsely rather than grinding finely, where forage preparation is desired.

3. *Feeding.* — Legume pastures, alfalfa hay, and barley appear to be associated with a higher incidence of bloat than other feeds. On the other hand, two feeds have proved effective in lessening the incidence of bloat, namely, linseed oil meal and animal fats. Thus, where a high incidence of bloat is encountered in stall-fed or feedlot cattle or sheep, it may be desirable to change the feed; (1) where barley and alfalfa hay are being fed, replace part of the barley with dried beet pulp and/or oats, and replace straight alfalfa hay with grass hay or a grass-legume mixed hay, and

(2) add to the ration either sufficient linseed oil meal to balance out the protein requirements or 4 to 5 per cent animal fat.

4. *Drugs.* — Penicillin and tetracycline, two antibiotics, have, for some time, been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in mixed feeds and in salt as aids in lessening bloat. Recent experimental work indicates that, with prolonged use, any one antibiotic loses its effectiveness in preventing bloat, but that the rotational use of different antibiotics is effective. Because of the variable results secured in the use of these products, however, more experimental work is needed, and it is recommended that the stockman confer with a competent animal scientist or veterinarian relative to the use of antibiotics as bloat preventives.

Silicone and detergent preparations are also being advocated by some, and marketed, as aids in the prevention and treatment of bloat. However, their degree of effectiveness seems variable; and it is recognized that most silicone products are rather expensive to use, whereas detergents are unpalatable.

Time permitting, severe cases of bloat should be treated by the veterinarian. Puncturing of the paunch should be a last resort. Bloat can be relieved by use of a large-size stomach tube. Mild cases may be home-treated by (1) keeping the animal on its feet and moving, and (2) drenching with a surface-active agent such as (a) $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 pint of mineral oil or (b) a mixture of 1 tablespoon of turpentine, 1 tablespoon of aromatic spirits of ammonia, and 1 quart of water (a mature cow may be given the full dosage of either, whereas a mature sheep should be limited to about $\frac{1}{5}$ of either amount).

Minimize Market Shrinkage

Market shrinkage (or drift) refers to the weight loss encountered from the time animals leave the farm or feed lot until they are weighed over the scales at the market place. Thus, if a steer weighed 1,000 pounds at the feed lot and had a market weight

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man in Texas in breeding, showing and marketing, broadened his field of achievement in 1959. For the first time in history of the Chicago International Livestock Exposition the

grand champion wether was shown by a Texas breeder, and the Texan was Aime Real.

Mr. Real plans to offer top quality wether, breeding ewes and rams this year, being guided in this by the demand revealed in previous sales. The club boys and girls found the Real sale a most beneficial one from a standpoint of handy selection of lambs which mature early, fatten easily and quickly and show to good advantage. Commercial and registered breeders have found the sale a profitable one to attend.

The offering this year will be 900 wethers, 200 breeding ewes and 30 rams, approximately the same as last year's offering adding only 10 rams.

The sale of wethers will be divided into fine wool, medium wool, fine wool crosses and Southdown lambs. Breeding ewes will be Southdown, Southdown crosses, Dorsets, Hampshires and Delaines.

All rams sold will be top quality Southdowns.

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FLUSHING RANGE EWES HELPS LAMB CROP

THE FLUSH feeding of range ewes before and during breeding slightly increased the percentage of lamb crops marked in field trials supervised by Substation No. 14 near Sonora. Seven cooperating ranchmen supplied 2,238 ewes for observation. Of these, 1,428 served as controls and 810 were fed an average of 26 pounds of cottonseed pellets for a 52-day period. Feeding began 21 days before the initial date of breeding and continued until 31 days following this date. The feeding trials were conducted during August, September and October 1958. The increase in lamb crops the following spring ranged from 0 to 20 percent. The greatest response was with aged ewes in medium flesh. There were fewer dry ewes among those flushed and their lambs appeared to be more uniform in age than the lambs from the control groups.

CATTLE INDUSTRY FORUM AT SAN ANTONIO

IN CONJUNCTION with Gulf Coast Day at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, February 18, a "Texas Cattle Industry" forum will be held, Jack Fletcher, chairman of the event, has announced. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel and is sponsored by the Farm and Ranch Committee of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the Southwest Agricultural Institute, and the Livestock Exposition. Open to the public, the meeting should be of "tremendous interest to every farmer and rancher in the State." A fine program, scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m., will include speeches by several top men in agriculture, with Tom H. Anderson, editor of FARM AND RANCH MAGAZINE, as special guest speaker.

The W. P. Edwards Estate has sold the 75-section K Bar ranch near Odessa to M. F., George and John E. Clark of Crane. The ranch has been in the Edwards family about two generations.

The Clark brothers operate a ranch in Crane County and one in New Mexico. They will stock the Odessa ranch with cattle.

Roy Henderson of Ozona sold about the middle of January to the Carroll Farmer Company of San Angelo, 2,700 feeder mutton lambs — about 1,900 were in the wool and 800 clipped. The lambs averaged 88 pounds and sold for 16½ cents a pound. The Carroll Farmer Co. also purchased 700 lambs in the wool from Jack Wilkins of Ozona, averaging about 80 pounds, at 17 cents.

Returns To Southwest Sheep Operations

By TOM E. PRATER

Farm Management Specialist
Texas Agricultural Extension Service

IF YOU have the average investment as other sheep operators in the Southwest, (which includes Texas, New Mexico and Arizona) you will have a \$192,110 investment in livestock, equipment and land. These figures are found in the recent United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service release.*

Now, what can you as a rancher whose primary income is from wool and sheep production expect in the way of income. According to this survey, family labor and capital received \$11,328 during the year 1959.

A charge for the invested capital is made in order to determine returns to the family labor and operator. When the capital charge of \$9,798 is deducted; the operator and family labor return amounts to \$1,530. The capital charge is about 5%.

The figures released indicate that the 1958 returns are about 87% higher than 1957 and over 2½ times the 1948-57 average. Receipts from wool (which includes wool incentive of the total cash receipts and repayments) make up about 37 per cent of the total cash receipts and receipts from sheep and lambs near 50%. Other income came from sale of other livestock products, such as a few cattle, goats, mohair, and government payments.

Gross cash receipts before production expenses were deducted were \$20,210. Sale of sheep and lambs was \$9,608; wool \$7,325, including a \$3,170 wool payment; livestock and livestock products \$2,997 and other \$280. Inventory increase is \$676 and value of other income is \$952. Total cash expenditures, not including the charge for the capital investment, amounts to over \$10,500.

When the \$192,110 investment is analyzed, we find \$164,260 invested in land and buildings, \$4,660 in

machinery and equipment, \$22,170 in livestock and \$1,020 in miscellaneous. Land area involves 13,350 acres with only 21 acres used for crops. Livestock inventory is as follows: 962 breeding ewes; other sheep, including rams 263; 33 head of cattle; 95 goats; and 7 horses.

A 78% lamb crop was experienced in 1958, which is above the 1948-57 average of 69% according to United States Department of Agriculture figures.

How does the \$11,328 return to operator, family labor and capital on sheep ranches compare to cattle ranches for the same area? As previously stated, you have \$192,110 investment in the operations with income primarily from sheep products. This compares to \$140,600 invested in the cattle ranches. The operator, family labor and capital received a \$9,242 return in 1958. Returns to the operator and family labor was \$2,068. A charge of \$7,174 was made for capital.

Land area in cattle ranches was 11,090 acres. Livestock inventory indicated 188 cattle; of this number 135 were cows and heifers — 2 years old and older. There was an average of about 6 horses per operation. The 1958 calf crop percentage was 80%. This is above the 1948-57 average of 77%.

Total cash receipts for the cattle ranches was about \$12,599; inventory charge was increased by \$3,882 and value of other income was \$1,134. Total cash expenditures was \$8,373.

Both sheep and cattle ranches had a productive income year which was well above the average.

As operators analyze their operations and make plans for the future, they should carefully consider the economic, animal, forage and general management factors that affect their important business.

*Farm Costs and Returns, Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 176

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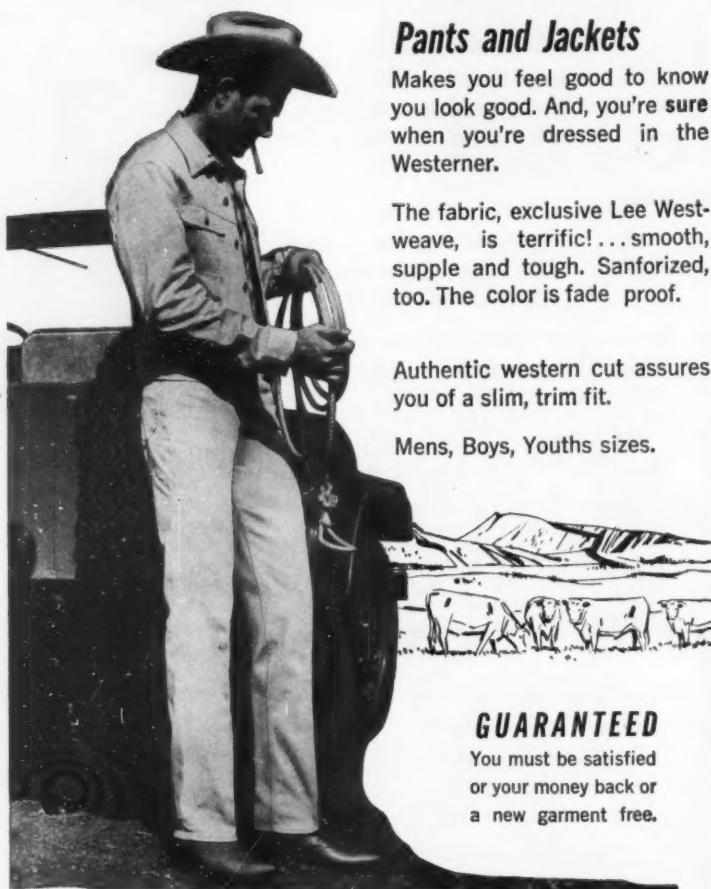
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Management of the Farm Flock

By JOE H. DIXON

EVERY SHEEPMAN knows that there are a variety of problems to contend with in the sheep business—especially in the purebred or registered field. Of the many problems confronting the breeder, is that of producing the kind of sheep the customer wants. The customer is important, and as breeders we should try to produce the type of sheep which are in greatest demand in our locality or trade area.

Breeders must keep informed and supply the kind buyers prefer. Most every breeder likes to sell as many stud-ram prospects for a high price, as possible. And the potential market for high class stud-ram prospects is usually unlimited as to area. However the fact remains that no breeder can

good ram, or a few more foundation ewes, like he bought last time. Perhaps, nothing impresses the prospective customer or buyer more than does a fine breeding flock of ewes on a place, with healthy, fast growing lambs at side. If your lamb crop is outstanding, it is not necessary to inform them, you are using the best stud rams available.

To make a good sale to a satisfied customer, nearly always gives the breeder added confidence in his work, and breeding flock, and is an incentive to continue to improve.

REPEAT BUYER A BIG ASSET

The customer that comes back year after year to buy his rams or founda-

Satisfied Customers Spark Breeders To Greater Efforts

raise or sell all of his rams as stud-rams.

Therefore, the average purebred or registered breeder must try to establish a market for the majority of rams that he raises to sell, among the commercial sheepmen of his own trade area. The breeder that can supply good foundation stock in his own locality, seldom has too much trouble in disposing with his sale rams and excess breeding ewes.

Nothing inspires the breeder much more than the satisfied customer that returns time after time for another

tion ewes, is usually a desirable one. You can assume that he likes the sheep you have sold him in the past, and that they have done well for him. A satisfied buyer, generally speaks well of your flock to other flock owners, and may lead to other sales in his locality. A satisfied customer is one of any breeder's best sources of advertising.

At times, it might be well for the breeder to visit the customer and see what he is doing with his flock. It will show him that you are concerned and interested in his breeding operations, as well as your own. Most customers will be pleased with a visit from you, and at the same time gives you an opportunity to study his flock problems first hand, should he ask your advice.

Of course, the breeder is always confronted with the problem of pleasing different buyers. In some areas, size is stressed more than anything else. Others are looking for lowset-ness and a compact sheep that will mature early. Then there is the customer that pays more attention to the fine points, head, color markings, and heavy bone. All of these factors are important, more or less.

LOWDOWN . . . ON HIGHLIGHTS AT INTERNATIONAL

As usual, the recent International Livestock Exposition, held annually at the Union Stockyards, Chicago, at-

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tracted several Texas and Oklahoma sheep breeders.

Among those taking in the big show from the Lone Star State were: Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Choat, Olney, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Cox, Jr., Celina, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Davis, Dorchester, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Raiden, Plano, Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson, Plano, Aime F. Real, Kerrville, and Walter Stelzig, Jr., Schulenburg.

Oklahoma breeders and visitors included: Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Zaloudek, Kremlin, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Winchester, Waukomis, Henry Moehle, Enid, Mr. and Mrs. Duron Howard, Mulhall, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Howard, Waurika, (Duron's parents), M. Floyd Ames, Amorita, Jerry Senter, Hobart, and Bob Noble, Alex McKenzie, Jim Boyd, all three from the Oklahoma State University at Stillwater.

No doubt, there were many others attending the show from this section of the Southwest, that I have failed to mention, but am sure many of the above group are well known to readers of the magazine.

TEXAS SOUTHDOWN IS CHAMPION WETHER

To the best of my knowledge, for the first time in the history of the International Livestock Exposition, the Grand Champion Wether of the show was bred and exhibited by a Texas breeder. It was also the first time in 13 years, the grand champion lamb was not owned or exhibited by a College or University.

The honor of showing the grand champion wether at the International this time went to Aime F. Real on his winner from the heavyweight Southdown class, an entry weighing a few pounds under 100.

The winning of the grand champion wether at the Chicago Show, has long been considered the highest individual honor and most coveted award in the entire sheep show.

Judge Dr. Rufus Cox, Manhattan, Kansas, described the Grand Champion as — "a very typy individual, tight framed with firm even covering and a very thick leg."

The Reserve Grand Champion Wether was a Hampshire, shown by the University of Kentucky, Lexington. The lamb weighed 122 pounds and was fitted by the veteran shepherd, Harold Barber. A very nice handling lamb that was especially well covered over the rib.

The Southdown breed scored again, when a pen of three Southdown lambs like peas-in-a-pod was named the grand champion pen of wethers. The lambs were bred and fed at Oklahoma State University, and fitted for show by Alex McKenzie.

For the second year in a row, Doak Bros., Vandalia and Hallsville, Mo., exhibited the top Fat Lamb Load at the International. The Champion Load consisted of 25 fat lambs, Southdowns, that averaged right around 95 pounds. The truck load were mixed ewe and wether pure-

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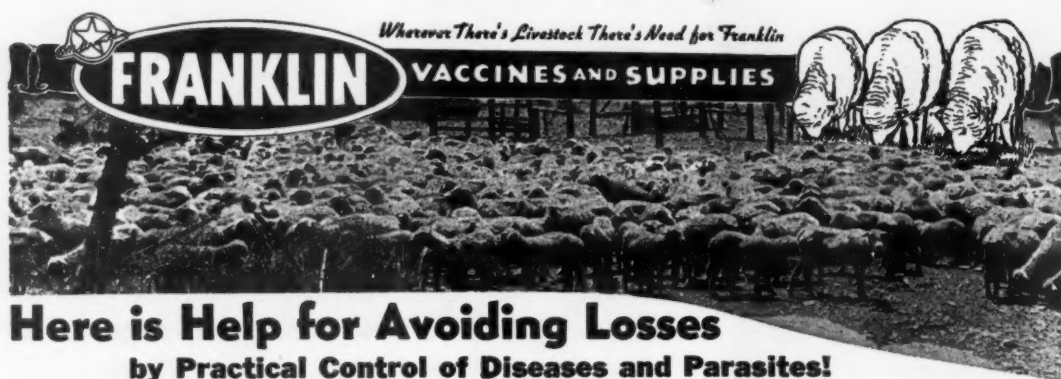
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one animal at the International sheep show and go home with the grand championship ribbon.

The grand champion pen of three wethers (Southdowns) exhibited by the Oklahoma State University, sold for \$1.25 per pound.

The champion lamb carcass of the International was won by Robert Out-house of Lafayette, Indiana, establishing a new record price at the show for a lamb carcass, by selling for \$32.00 a pound.



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TEXAS A & M JUDGING TEAM CONTINUES WINNING WAYS

An unusual record of achievement in collegiate judging circles was strongly underlined at the recent International, when a five-man team representing Texas A & M College, College Station, totaled the high score in the annual inter-collegiate livestock judging contest.

In winning this fine honor, the brilliant team coached by L. D. Wythe, Jr., topped 38 other agricultural schools from all sections of the country. Only six weeks previous to the Chicago show, this same A & M College judging team won first place in American Royal competition at Kansas City.

An unusual thing about the Texas team, was the fact that they won both the Chicago and Kansas City high honors with an identical score of 4,491 points out of a possible 5,000.

Carrol Osborn, Llano, Texas, of the top Texas team, was the high individual scorer at the Chicago show with a total of 929 points. Other members of the winning team included Kenneth McGee, Lovell Kuykendall, Jim Holloway, and Robert Van Winkle.

Other high ranking teams in the contest were: Ohio State University, West Virginia University, University of Missouri, and the University of Illinois, who followed Texas A & M, in that order.

HOWARDS SOUTHDOWNS MAKE BRILLIANT SHOWING AT CHICAGO

The Duron Howards' of Mulhall, Oklahoma, who only recently were awarded the "Oklahoma's Farm Family of the Year", proved this high honor was richly deserved, when their fine flock of Southdowns won top honors at the recent International, in competition with some of the best Southdown flocks in the nation.

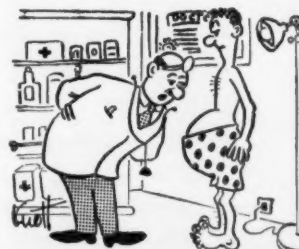
In a repeat performance, they won the 1st prize flock, and the Perpetual Challenge Cup, for the second straight year.

Other top awards won by the Howards included: Champion Ram, Champion ewe, 1st Pen of Ram Lambs, 1st Pen of Ewe Lambs, and six out of seven firsts, in the individual and group classes.

All of the Howard show flock were HOWARD bred with the exception of his yearling ram.

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OKLAHOMA BREEDERS STAGE SUCCESSFUL SALE AT STILLWATER

The Oklahoma Sheep Breeders 10th Annual Bred Ewe Show and sale, held at the Animal Husbandry Arena—Dec. 12, 1959, again proved an excellent opportunity for buyers to select fine breeding stock at satisfactory prices.

While no extremely high prices were paid, there were still some high spots in the sale, showing the better kind were appreciated by the buyers.

In checking over the summary of the sale, I note there were buyers present from several sections of Oklahoma, as well as out-of-state buyers from Kansas and Texas.

The following averages were made on the different breeds included in the sale:

Average 10 Suffolks.....	\$85.75
Average 15 Southdowns.....	65.83
Average 29 Hampshires.....	60.17
Average 19 Dorsets.....	44.87
Average 7 Shropshires.....	40.00
Average 80 Head all Breeds	59.00

Top selling individual in the sale was a yearling Southdown ewe, consigned by Duron Howard, at \$182.50. Another Yearling Southdown ewe, consigned by Stanley Ray Simon, sold at \$140.

High selling Suffolks, included two Roy B. Warrick yrl. ewes that sold at \$150 and \$130, respectively. Another Suffolk ewe consigned by Jack Patterson, brought an even \$100.

J. R. Poague, well known Missouri Hampshire breeder, consigned the top selling Hampshire on a ewe at \$125. Porter Guffy sold the top Hampshire ram for \$100.

The annual meeting of the New Mexico Wool Growers Association will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 7-9.

Publications such as this, the SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER, furnished the rural people with the most helpful ideas and were the most desired sources of information, according to a recent survey by Cornell University.

At present approximately sixty-five rams are being tested at the Sonora Progeny test with an intent to qualify as Certified or Register-of-Merit rams. Other performance tests are being run in various states at present.

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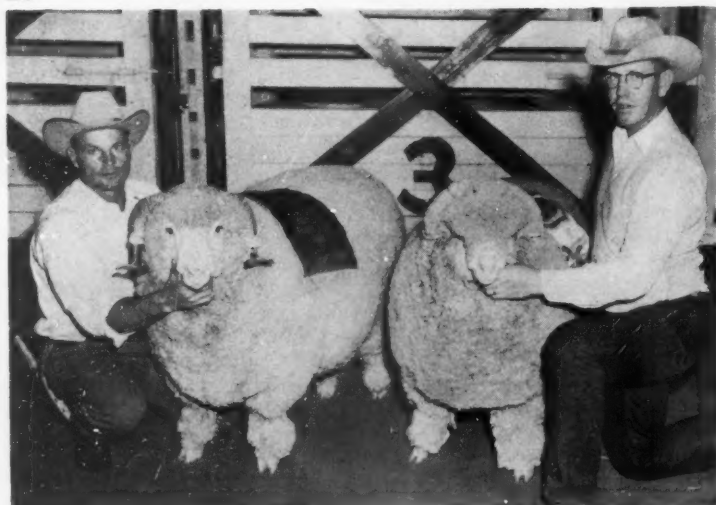
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The Fort Stockton FFA showed the Champion Rambouillet Ram, Porter Brothers breeding (left) while Charles Fletcher, Sanderson showed champion ewe. The ewe was bred by Pinky Carruthers, Sanderson, holding.

MARK BAGGETT, 16, and Penn Baggett, 14, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baggett of Ozona, walked away with the top honors in the fat lamb division on the opening day of the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show in Odessa which was held January 4-9. Mark showed his finewool lamb to the championship, and Penn's finewool lamb won the reserve championship. The boys won over a field of 130 carefully-picked finewool lambs.

The Baggett boys took top honors in the San Angelo show in 1959 with a similar win. Both have been quite successful in exhibiting their animals. They are saving their lamb earnings for their college educations and plan to attend their father's alma mater, Texas A & M.

James Ratliff of Big Lake and his lightweight finewool lamb and Judy Hammon of Big Spring with her heavyweight finewool lamb ran the Baggett boys a close race.

The Rambouillet breeding sheep

show was also held on the opening day. The Fort Stockton FFA Chapter exhibited the champion ram of Porter Brothers breeding, and Pierce Miller of Ozona showed the reserve champion, bred by Miles Pierce. Charles Fletcher of Sanderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Fletcher, had the champion ewe. The ewe was from the flock of Pinky Carruthers. Clinton Hodges of Sterling City exhibited the reserve champion ewe of his own breeding. In the pen-of-five lambs class, Crane 4-H Club placed first; Mullin FFA, second; and Concho County 4-H, third.

Top placings in the lamb show are as follows:

LIGHTWEIGHT FINEWOL LAMBS—1. Penn Baggett, Ozona; 2. James Ratliff, Big Lake; 3. Tommy Franklin, Big Lake; 4. Bobby Brunson, Crane; 5. Shelia Barr, Crane; 6. Vicky Helmers, Rankin; 7. Arthur Sagebiel, Fredericksburg; 8. Meredith Price, Melvin; 9. Annette Duncan, Mullin; 10. Abel Lozano, Balmorhea.

HEAVYWEIGHT FINEWOL LAMBS—1. Mark Baggett, Ozona; 2. Judy Hammon, Big Spring; 3. Roger Sanders, Mullin; 4. Butch Stavley, Sanderson; 5. Penn Baggett; 6. Rusty Garner, Rankin; 7. James Hutchison, Iraan; 8. Harry King, Big Spring; 9. David Roberson, Big Spring; 10. Smitty Smith, Stanton.

Fine Wool Lambs, Quality Breeding Sheep Featured in Sand Hills Show at Odessa



CHAMPION LAMBS AT ODESSA

Mark Baggett, left, and Penn Baggett, right, showed the champion and reserve champion Fine Wool lamb at the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show at Odessa, January 4. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baggett, Ozona. (Kelton Photo)



CRANE COUNTY WINNERS

Crane County 4-H Clubbers showed the top county group of five lambs at Odessa.

GOOD MILLS COUNTY SHOW REPORTED

MIKE CONRADT, 10, Mills County 4-H Club boy showed the grand champion fat lamb at the Mills County Livestock Show in Goldthwaite, January 15. The champion was a Southdown bred by the R. L. Steen Ranch. Mike won first and second places in the Southdown and Southdown Crosses class and had the best pen of three in the show. Roger Sanders of Mullin exhibited the reserve champion fat lamb, a Shropshire. Sanders also had the champion Suffolk ram and champion Suffolk ewe in the breeders' division of the sheep show. Harold Miles showed the champion Delaine ewe and John Pat Rudd the reserve champion Delaine ewe.

Rudd Brothers placed first in exhibitor's flock.

David Whisenhunt, Mullin FFA member, exhibited the champion Hampshire, Suffolk, Cheviot and Shropshire in the club show, sheep division. John Pat Rudd, Goldthwaite FFA, had champion Delaine; Kurt Singleton, Mullin FFA, champion Corriedale and John Reeves, Mullin FFA, champion Rambouillet.

In the Angora goat show Jean Pafford, Mullin FFA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pafford, Mullin, exhibited the grand champion buck. Glen Nickols, Goldthwaite, showed the reserve champion buck. W. A. Elms, Mullin, showed the grand champion doe and Floyd Daniels, Goldthwaite, the reserve champion doe.

Stockman's Guide

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of 970 pounds, the shrinkage would be 30 pounds or 3 per cent. On the average, the following shrinkage is obtained on market animals:

Cattle.....3 to 6 per cent
 Sheep.....6 to 10 per cent
 Hogs.....1 to 2 per cent

Most of this weight loss is excretory shrink — in the form of feces, urine, and moisture exhaled from the lungs. However, there is some tissue shrinkage, which results from metabolic or breaking-down changes.

Shrinkage is important because carcass meat is the most valuable portion of the animal. For this reason, dressed yield is one of the most important factors considered by packers in buying livestock for slaughter.

Here are some of the do's and don'ts which stockmen should observe to minimize shrinkage:

Do's

1. *Select the best suited method of transportation.* — Decide between truck and rail transportation.

2. *Check weather forecasts.* — If possible, avoid shipments during unfavorable weather. In climates with extremes of hot and cold weather, plan movements during the more favorable part of the day or night.

3. *Feed and water properly prior to shipment.* — Never ship animals on an excess fill. Withhold grain feeding 12 hours before loading (omit one feed), and do not allow cattle and sheep access to water within 2 to 3 hours of shipment. Remove laxative, high-shrinkage feeds — such as silage, wet beet pulp, or lush alfalfa or clover pasture — a few days ahead of shipping; feed grass hay instead.

4. *Send an attendant if the shipment is large.* — The caretaker can give more attention and make more on-the-spot decisions than can employees provided by public conveyances.

5. *Keep animals quiet.* — Prior to and during shipment, handle animals carefully and quietly; hot, excited animals are subject to more shrinkage.

6. *Use partitions when necessary.* — When mixed loads (consisting of cattle, sheep and/or hogs) are placed in the same truck or car, partition each class off separately. Also, partition younger animals from older animals and separate out cripples, stags and males.

7. *Feed, water and rest in transit.* — In rail shipments, the shipper has no alternative to taking advantage of feed, water and rest stops; and this is a good thing.

8. *Provide proper bedding.* — Sand is usually used to provide sure footing, whereas straw is added to insure warmth in cold weather and to provide cushioning and prevent animals from befouling themselves.

9. *Protect against extremes in weather.* — Proper bedding, shade, and weatherstripping of trucks and cars can be used effectively to temper the weather.

10. *Provide for fillback at market if animals have been in transit longer than 12 hours.* — The amount of

fillback should be determined by the transit period; that is, the more hours enroute to market the longer the fillback.

Don'ts

1. *Ship during extremes in weather.* — When the weather is either very hot or very cold, for, during such times, shrinkage losses are higher than normal.



By MRS. A. D. HARVEY

THE NEWEST members in the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association are: Jim and Jean Wublena, Rt. 1, Box 148, Forrester, Illinois and Jesse Ray, Ensor, Bronte, Texas. Wade Williams, Broadus, Montana, purchased 2 registered rams from Sharon Haefel, Bill, Wyoming.

W. E. Couch, Waxahatche, Texas, purchased the ram lamb from Oren A. Wright and Son, Greenwood, Indiana, that was judged Champion Rambouillet Ram Lamb at the International Livestock Show. This ram was undefeated at the 1959 Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky State Fair, and Pennsylvania Live-stock Exposition.

F. H. Westphal, Seguin, Texas, purchased a registered ram from John Williams, Eldorado, Texas.

J. S. Glasscock, Sonora, Texas, purchased 31 registered ewes from T. L. and J. V. Drisdale, Juno, Texas.

C. C. Wright, Mullin, Texas, sold Robert Tiemann, Caradon, Texas, 9 registered ewes and Roy Gene Tieman 1 registered ewe.

Forest Straley and Sons, Goldthwaite, Texas, purchased 2 registered Rambouillet ewes from C. C. Wright, Mullin, Texas.

C. H. Hightower, Mason, Texas, purchased 2 registered ewes from R. W. Ruegner, Katermy, Texas. Mr. Ruegner has been a member of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association 40 years. I believe Mr. Ruegner is our oldest active Rambouillet Breeder. The following is an excerpt from a recent letter: "There has been a wonderful improvement in Rambouillet Sheep. I am gradually going out of the business but it has been a great pleasure and I have made a lot of friends. We have had some wonderful rains and I don't think I can remember the country ever looking better on my coming 74th birthday."

F. F. Brown, Georgetown, Texas, purchased 14 registered ewes from O. Sudduth, Eldorado, Texas.

Ruel Morrell, Fremont, Utah, purchased a registered Rambouillet ewe from G. L. Beal, Ephraim, Utah.

Curt Cannon, Camargo, Illinois, purchased 2 registered ewes from J. T. Arwine and Daughter, Villa Grove, Illinois.

E. W. Strickland, Gustine, Texas, sold Wade Davis, Snyder, Texas, 2 registered Rambouillet ewes.

Kathlyn Sterrett, Santa Fe, New Mexico, sold E. K. Warren, Sapello, New Mexico 6 registered rams.

J. S. Hayes, Weatherford, Texas, purchased 4 registered ewes from Weatherford Chamber of Commerce, Weatherford, Texas.

Jerry Robinson, Hamilton, Texas, purchased 2 registered ewes from Boyce H. Hurley, Hamilton, Texas.

Dr. Port and Mrs. Port, Sundance, Wyoming, stopped in San Angelo on their way to San Antonio to attend the National Wool Growers Convention.

Leslie Kelly, Belbay Farm, New Alexandria, Pennsylvania, showed 7 registered Rambouillet in the show at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He had champion Ram, champion Ewe, and also the first Flock Award. Kelly is very pleased with his Rambouillet herd and said they were the best sheep for Pennsylvania.

The Ranchers Wool & Mohair Association stockholders held their annual meeting at Fort Stockton, January 19. Homer E. Walker of Fort Stockton was re-elected president. Bill Ed McKenzie was named director to take the place of the late L. D. White. Other directors are Walker; Guy Rachal and Hamp Carter, Vice-president; J. B. Ligon, J. A. Neal, Walton Harral, Wren Jackson and Wendell Parker. Tom Workman is secretary-treasurer of the association and H. H. Diebitsch, general manager.

2. *Overfill animals with feed or water before loading.*

3. *Rush or crowd animals through gates and chutes into cars or trucks; avoid excitement.*

4. *Trail animals any great distance prior to loading out.*

5. *Overcrowd or underload shipment; when overcrowded, animals may get down and be trampled underfoot, whereas underloading makes for excess bruising and shrinkage.*

6. *Overfill at destination, as buyers do not pay meat prices for excess feed and water.*



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Procedures for Registry of Merit In Rambouillet Sheep

INTRODUCTION

AFTER FIVE years of research and meetings, correspondence and conferences, the Registry - of - Merit committee of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association has finally presented the following plan to the Association for establishing the Registry-of-Merit in Rambouillet sheep. At the annual meeting last June in San Angelo, the Association approved the plans, and the Registry-of-Merit for Rambouillet sheep is now under way.

This Registry-of-Merit program will be based entirely upon unbiased performance testing of rams, and not upon any show-ring results. Since we believe the Rambouillet sheep to be the most difficult of all domestic animals to judge without actual measuring and weighing of all possible characteristics, the plan has been worked and re-worked innumerable times so that it might be applicable to all Rambouillet sheep throughout the United States of America. Therefore, not only are the minimum requirements for both certified and Registry - of - Merit rams set up, but also the minimum standards under which these production records must be taken.

Of course the whole idea of a Registry - of - Merit program need not be lost in a maze of technicalities, nor of figures. It is very simple. We, of the American Rambouillet Association,

want to open a new field in which the consumer of breeding rams may have few and accurate tools by which to select superior sires that will give him the quickest and best improvement in his own flock. We are trying to give an extra service to the people who want and need rams — to encourage the use of Rambouillet rams and show these people that we are trying to give them extra help of an accurate and definite nature. And, through this service they may learn to place their confidence in the superiority of these rams.

REGISTRY - OF - MERIT COMMITTEE: Miles Pierce, committee chairman; Dr. O. D. Butler, Texas A&M College, Head of the Animal Husbandry Department; Pat Rose, Jr., Sheep breeder, Del Rio, Texas; Maurice Shelton, Animal Husbandry Department, McGregor Breeding Station; and Myron Morris, Sheep breeder, Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

PURPOSE

To encourage and facilitate the most rapid breed improvement through the collection and use of records of performance on individual rams as a means of identifying superior breeding stock.

PLANS

Two different levels of recognition of merit will be established. The first classification to be known as **CERTIFIED RAMS** will include APPROXIMATELY THE TOP ONE-THIRD of all rams tested, and will in general represent a group of rams that the association can recommend as superior performance tested individuals. The second classification will be known

as **REGISTRY OF MERIT RAMS**. This group will represent the TOP ONE TO FIVE PERCENT OF RAMS based on their individual performance as well as that of their progeny. These rams should be looked upon as stud calibre and as breed improving sires.

The Association office will issue Certificates and maintain a registry of all animals qualifying for either of these classifications.

(A) Requirements for Certified Rams.

The top 40 percent of the rams in any recognized performance test will be **ELIGIBLE** for consideration as a **Certified Ram**. The top 40 percent will be determined by the following index developed from large volume of experimental data on performance tested rams.

1 equals 60 (daily gain in pounds) plus 4.0 (staple length in inches) plus 4.0 (clean wool in pounds) minus 5.2 (face covering score) minus 2.0 (skin fold score).

In addition to the above requirement the ram must have gained at least 0.47 pounds per day on test and to have produced wool not coarser than 62s (24.0 microns) while on test. In addition, all animals nominated as **CERTIFIED RAMS** will be inspected by a committee of three appointed by the President and the Executive Committee of the Association. It shall be the duty of this committee to insure that all rams approved for this classification meet acceptable standards from the standpoint of **BODY TYPE, AMOUNT OF SKIN FOLDS, FREEDOM FROM ANATOMICAL WEAKNESSES and WOOL DEFECTS INCLUDING EXTREME HAIRY BRITCH.**

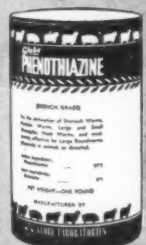
(B) Requirements for Registry of Merit Rams.

Rams to be classified as **REGISTRY OF MERIT RAMS** will be selected from the group meeting the requirements of **Certified Rams**, but will also meet the following **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Shall be in the top 10 percent of the group on test as arrayed by the index as given earlier,
2. Shall make at least 0.6 pound daily gain on test or weigh at least 220 pounds at the end of the official test period,
3. The ram shall have a maximum of six sons which meet the requirements as **CERTIFIED RAM**, and as of the time



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the animal is approved as Registry of Merit ram minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of all sons tested shall be CERTIFIED classification.

Testing Procedure:

Only records from an officially recognized performance testing program will be accepted, and in order for the index as outlined previously to apply, it will be necessary that testing procedures be STANDARDIZED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

A. All recognized tests will be conducted at a central LOCATION by a disinterested agency such as Experiment Stations, Extension Service or Breed Associations. The accuracy of all records must be certified by a designated representative of the Land Grant College (appointed by the Head of Department of Animal Husbandry) of the state where the work is conducted.

B. Age and Feeding Period: All animals should be between 5 and 7 months of age when started on test, and the test shall continue for a minimum of 168 days.

C. Feed: All animals will be self-fed a mixed ration composed of 70 percent alfalfa hay and 30 percent oats. No feed additives such as hormones or antibiotics may be used, but additional minerals may be provided as deemed necessary.

D. Fleece Data: MEASURES of wool production will include GREASE WEIGHT, CLEAN WEIGHT, SPINNING COUNT and STAPLE LENGTH. Staple length measures will be made on the animal prior to shearing and the value used will represent the average of three measures on each animal, one at shoulder, one at side, one at rump. One-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) inch will be subtracted from this average to account for the stubble left on at shearing. All shearing will be done with a standard 13 tooth $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick sheep comb. The resulting value will be converted to 12 month basis based on number of days growth. Clean fleece determinations will be made by scouring the ENTIRE FLEECE or where this is not possible by hand scouring two 400 gram samples taken from a thoroughly mixed fleece. SCOURING PROCEDURE AND REPORTING OF RESULTS WILL BE ACCORDING TO ASTM STANDARDS. Grease and clean fleece weights will be converted to 12 month basis. Wool quality (fineness) will also be reported based on rapid count or short fiber technique and reported in both microns and spinning count.

E. Scoring: Scores for amount of covering on the face and degree of folding will be assigned by a committee of three selected by the individual designated to certify the accuracy of the records for that particular test. Scores will be assigned on a four unit basis (1 to 4 inclusive) with the higher values representing a greater degree of covering or folding. Suggested photographic standards are attached.

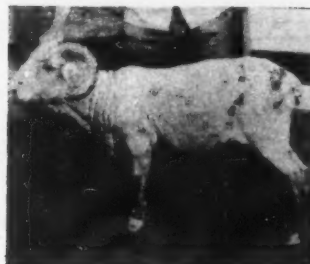
F. Nominating: It shall be the responsibility of the test supervisor at each location to nominate to the President of the Association all individual rams meeting the requirements for CERTIFIED RAMS according to the index rating. It shall be the responsibility of the owner to nominate or make application to the President of the Association for the classification of REGISTRY OF MERIT RAMS. The President will take the necessary steps to see that the animals meet all the necessary requirements and cause the appropriate certificate to be issued.

*This Committee should be made up of qualified Experiment Station and Extension Service personnel and at least one well informed BREEDER WHO DOES NOT OWN ANIMALS in the group being considered. It will be the function of this committee to eliminate OBVIOUSLY UNDESIRABLE ANIMALS, but not to search for PERFECTION based on visual standards. In case of tests conducted by the Association, it may be desirable to have this committee serve as a sifter committee at start of test.

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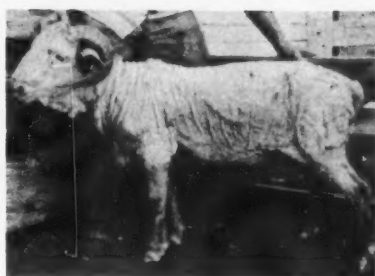
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By MELVIN CAMP

THE ANGORA goat producers main interest at the present time is centered around kidding, shearing, feeding pregnant does to keep them from slinking their kids, range feeding of dry does and muttoms, and the spring club and exposition shows.

A goat man near Goldthwaite had over 90 kids from his registered does

by January 15. He is well prepared for kidding with a large cement tile barn that he puts his slick sheared does in each night and parts of the days when the weather isn't favorable. He has large hay racks inside the barn filled with bundled oats. Molasses is fed the does in troughs. These were some of the fattest and

WAITING TO BE SHEARED: In the Southwest Angora goats are shorn twice yearly. Late January and early February shearing is becoming more popular as Angora goat producers become better prepared for protecting the goats immediately after shearing. There are several advantages of early shearing (1) Kids can nurse more easily when first born. (2) Goats are freed of their lice infestation for a period of time unless they were already free through proper dipping. (3) The valuable clip of mohair can be sold if the goats are to be sent to market. (4) Less danger of shedding. Disadvantages are (1) Goats are subject to sudden death due to chilling rains or freezes. (2) Goats may contract pneumonia. (3) Does are subject to aborting if they become weakened due to extremely cold weather. (4) Lighter fleece weights unless goats were sheared early in summer and have a full six months clip.

When goats are shorn early producer must be prepared to feed the goats supplemental feeds in case there is an extremely cold spell which may persist for several days. In some cases complete pen confinement is required for from one day to a week when the temperature drops below freezing and stays there throughout the day.



STAKE KIDDING: This is a method of raising Angora goat kids practiced since the first Angora goats were brought to the Southwest. The kid is tied with a slip knot on the end of a grass rope attached to a wire running the width of the stake pen. The rope is changed daily so there will be no lost circulation in the foot. He is left on the stake until about three weeks of age. His mother is allowed to graze in a nearby pasture during the day and brought in each night for him to nurse.

strongest does I have seen at this time of year. His wife was busy keeping the does and kids paired for registration purposes. There were several small stalls along one side of the barn with heat lamps overhead to put does and newborn kids in 'until the kid was dry.

I saw Robert Love at the Kerrville District show watching Jack Klein show to the championship some goats of his breeding. Robert said that his first bunch of does were to kid right away. He kids all of the goats on the Ernest Love Ranch by the stake method. His does are bred in groups and just prior to the time a certain group is to begin kidding they are tagged heavily by removing the mohair well in front of the udder, around the udder, on the inside of the rear legs, and on up to the tail on the outside. This permits a newborn kid

to find the teat easily. If you have ever gone out in the morning and found a doe, untagged, standing over her kid now almost dead that has struggled through the night trying to find her teat through the mass of mohair you will understand why tagging is a must. After tagging the does are put in a pasture near the stake pens. As the kids are born each one is staked near a small box by using a short piece of grass rope tied to a wire lying flat on the ground and running the width of the pen. A slip knot in the rope is placed over one rear foot and is changed daily to the other foot. This requires more labor but it doesn't permit any of the kids to get loose. The kids are released when about three weeks of age. The does are not shorn slick until the group has all kidded, and the bulk of the flock is not shorn until in late March



RANGE FEEDING: Angora goat raisers often chop liveoak brush for their goats to browse on during the winter. This is about the only evergreen tree that grows in abundance providing enough forage to take the place of supplemental field grown feed. The leaves are the only parts eaten and are very high in protein. It is usually advantageous to feed some feeds such as range pellets, whole corn, alfalfa hay, sugar or sorghum hays along with the brush.

or April. The Loves kid about 1,000 does by this method and the death loss is extremely low.

Shows

The local, area, and exposition shows where Angora goats are shown are attracting more people interested in Angora goats each year. I have attended two county and one district show already and look forward to the San Antonio and Houston shows. Judges are sticking to the new standard set up by the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association where body conformation and fleece share equal points. At Goldthwaite the champion doe which was a kid had exceptional bone on a well-made body. The overall quality of the goats at Kerrville was exceptional. There were some kids which were rather small although most of the registered kids had very good fleeces. The commercial classes had some excellent individuals. I was asked by several county agents and Vocational Ag. teachers about feeds and methods of feeding to produce size as well as excellent fleeces. It seems as though we have many more lamb, calf, and hog feeders than we do goat feeders. About the only thing I can offer is to go back and read the article I wrote on "Developing the Registered Angora Buck Kid From Birth To Sale Age" which started in the March 1959 issue. It continued in the April, June and December issues. I still want to see an Ag. student working on his master's degree in Animal nutrition write a thesis using the feeding methods and rations fed by club boys and girls as a basis. The Kerrville show was proof enough that most Angora goats gain .2 or less pounds daily on an average when being fed. Most of the kids had been on feed 120 to 140 days. Many of the buck kids which started at 35 to 40 pounds weighed only 55 to 60

pounds. Some of the better feeders had got 1/3 of a pound of gain daily making the 40 pound kid weigh 80 pounds by the Kerrville show.

Shearing has already begun with some commercial producers shearing does and muttons before selling them in order to comply with their contract they have with their warehouse for the mohair. Most of these producers signed a contract with the warehouse in the fall or early winter to deliver the mohair from so many head of goats at a set price. If the mohair goes above the agreed price the grower fails to gain, but should it drop below then he is still assured a good return from his goats. It is the ware-



GOAT SHED: Like accident insurance, the goat raiser finds that if he doesn't have a shed for his fresh sheared goats it is too late then to try to get one when a cold rainy spell hits. The most important requirement of a shed is to be sure it is closed on the north side. A good shed is one which has a pitched roof which is not over 8 feet tall. The sides should be four feet or less in height. It is preferable it be closed on the ends and north side. The south side is usually the side that is left open for the goats to enter. It should be fairly tight but be well ventilated so that no poisonous gases may accumulate that might be formed from rotting feeds sometimes left inside of a barn. The body heat of the animals as well as heat from the urine and dried manure which begins decaying when wetted will raise the temperature somewhat inside. Goats should be allowed at least four square feet of space each. It is better to give them more room in case of pregnant does which may drop a kid during the night when confined. A shed such as the one pictured can easily and safely accomodate 500 to 700 goats. (E. B. Love Ranch)

houseman or buyer who takes the loss, and the grower receives the full contract price.

The registered breeders are shearing their buck kids and some have gone ahead and sheared the entire flock since they figure it is better to get the does accustomed to the cold before kidding starts. Most of the registered breeders have adequate barns to protect their does in case of an ice or snow storm. It doesn't seem as though there are as many Angora goats lost when shorn the first of February as those shorn in March. The early shearers are usually a bit more cautious since they know that a sudden shift in temperature followed by wind and rain can wipe out an entire flock in a matter of minutes. One man lost over 4,000 head of

commercial goats several years ago when he sheared them in late March on a nice warm day followed by a blizzard that evening. The goats were put in a pasture they were not familiar with. The rancher expected them to go to rock bluffs for protection, but instead the prevailing wind kept them away. They kept piling on top of each other until every last one of them had died. Had they been established in the pasture well in advance of shearing for perhaps two to three weeks they would probably have gone to the bluff or found refuge under logs, rocks, or trees they were familiar with. Heavy timber such as cedar or oak offers a lot of protection unless the storm persists for several days. My guess is that there would have been some losses, but not 100 per cent.



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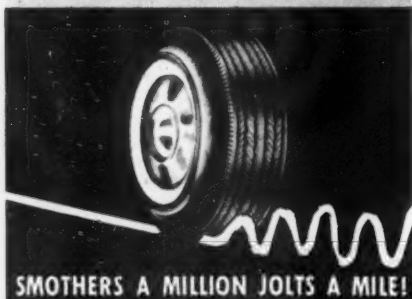
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Before! Rangeland on the Rickenbacker Scout Ranch near Hunt, Texas heavily infested with cedar. Due to shading, competition for moisture, and occupation of space by the cedar, this rangeland is not furnishing as much forage for livestock production as it should.



Start! After consultation with technicians of the Soil Conservation Service, Scout leaders made plans to carry out a range improvement program on their ranch that included brush control, deferred grazing and proper use of the grasses. Scouts attending the Summer Camp included the brush control work as one of their conservation projects.

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A Scout in Action! Scouts from different troops participated in flat cutting the heavy growth of cedar on this area. Cedar limbs were left on the ground or spread out over bare areas. Little bluestem seed was used to reseed the area and plans made to defer from grazing by livestock for the rest of the growing season.



Results! The transformation of a heavily infested cedar land to a productive rangeland is now complete. This picture was taken from the same spot as No. 1 and shows the quick response of the better grasses to the deferment and removal of cedar. Production of forage has been increased several times in this area that was formerly covered with dense cedar. The soil is well protected and many scouts now proudly wear merit badges in recognition of their conservation efforts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 29-Feb. 7—Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Fort Worth.
- Feb. 3-5—Wyoming University Sheep and Wool Short Course.
- Feb. 4—Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association Banquet, Ranger Room, Western Hills Hotel, Fort Worth.
- Feb. 7-9—Annual Meeting New Mexico Wool Growers' Association, Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Feb. 8—Texas Production Credit Association meeting, San Angelo.
- Feb. 7-14—Southwestern Livestock Show, Rodeo, and International Range Bull Sale, El Paso.
- Feb. 9—Hill Country Hereford Association Spring Bull Sale, Mason.
- Feb. 9-11—Agricultural Chemicals Conference, Texas Tech., Lubbock.
- Feb. 11—Southwestern Range Bull Sale, El Paso.
- Feb. 12-21—San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.
- Feb. 15—South Texas Cutting Horse Association Sale, San Antonio.
- Feb. 16—Texas Polled Hereford Association Sale, San Antonio.
- Feb. 17—Texas Charolais and Charolais-Cross Sale, San Antonio.
- Feb. 29—Quarterly Meeting, Texas Producers of Veterinary Supplies, L. C. R. A. Building, 9 A.M., Kerrville.
- Feb. 24-March 6—Houston Fat Stock Show.
- March 9-13—San Angelo Fat Stock Show.
- March 13—Golden Spread Quarter Horse Association Sale, Amarillo, Texas.
- March 21-23—Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association Convention, Austin.
- March 26—Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Second Quarterly meeting, Brownwood.
- March 27-29—46th Annual Convention, New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, Cole Hotel, Albuquerque.
- April 9—Aggie Rodeo Club First Annual Quarter Horse Show, College Station, Texas.
- April 23—Hale Center Jaycees Quarter Horse Show, Hale Center, Texas.
- May 2-3—40th Annual California Ram Sale. Annual Wool Show and Annual Sheep Dog Trials, State Fair Grounds, Sacramento, California.
- May 5-7—Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association Show and Sale, Brownwood.
- May 14—Miss Wool of America Pageant, Coliseum, San Angelo.
- June 11—7th Annual Aime Frank Real Club Lamb Sale, Kerr County Agricultural Building, Kerrville.
- August 11-12—100th Annual Convention, California Wool Growers' Association, Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco.
- August 27—Annual Sale, Central Texas Registered Angora Goat Breeders' Association, F. F. A. Agricultural Barn, Goldthwaite.

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For years commercial seed produc-

ers and experiment stations have worked with Angleton and Medio to try to produce seed of these two at a reasonable price for the ranchman and farmer. The cost for seed alone has ranged from \$12.50 to \$25 per acre, and today, the total acres of Angleton grass in Texas can be counted only in the hundreds. Now along comes Gordo Bluestem an *Andropogon nodosus* that is showing great promise as a good grass and it pro-

duces seed that can be marketed at rancher and farmer prices.

In 1952 the first two plantings of Gordo were made in this country. One of these was by the Soil Conservation Service Nursery in San Antonio, Texas and the other by Dave Foster at Uvalde. In 1953 the Nursery at San Antonio was discontinued and no seed harvested. Dave Foster harvested seed from his 20-foot row planting, and distributed it. From this single row planting has come every planting of this grass with such a bright looking future.

Dave has sent seed all over the country, to Hawaii, and all the way from California to Florida. Most of these samples were sent free for trial plantings. He also contributed seed to SCS for further plantings. Beltsville Research Center received seed last spring to establish a source of foundation seed for the Service.

James E. (Bud) Smith, Jr., Soil Conservation Service Plant Materials Specialist for Texas gave the grass the common name of "Gordo" Bluestem, because of its broad or fat leaves. Gordo is Spanish for fat.

Since the plantings were made at the SCS Nursery others have been made throughout the state. E. Wehman, Chairman of the State Soil Conservation Board, has a small dry land planting near Pleasanton. Foster and Randle have fifty acres at Uvalde. Other plantings are showing up excellent at East Point, Louisiana, on the B. B. Box farm and on Sterling Evans' Little Eva Plantation at Chopin, La. Paul Bundrick, south of Shreveport, La., has an excellent acreage on the Red River bottom. In Texas Pat Higgins at Sutherland Springs is happy with his Gordo Bluestem. And a trial planting of the grass was made on the Plains on the Walter Gray farm near Littlefield, and is being closely watched by sources interested in grasses.

This trial at Littlefield was made to determine some of the grass' major

weather characteristics. At this time it has not been definitely determined at what minimum temperature stand loss is almost certain to occur. It is recommended at this time in areas where the temperatures will not fall below 10 degrees Fahrenheit. It has done exceptionally well to date in the area from Nacogdoches to Temple to Del Rio and south.

Gordo - Rice Pasture Rotation For Rice - Cattle Farmers

Gulf Coast farmers, who have long been looking for a good grass for rice-pasture rotation, have high hopes for Gordo Bluestem. Several good grasses are available such as Angleton and Medio, but have the faults of not producing seed enough to make planting by seed practical. Most of it has been sprigged which is a time and labor consuming process, and also an expensive one.

Gordo was planted up and down the Coast last fall on the rice fields. The grass, a perennial, made good growth in these fields. Several farmers in the Harris Soil Conservation District planted Gordo on an experimental basis. All of them were pleased with results.

Livestock Like The Grass

In areas where the grass has been grazed, livestock owners said that cattle showed a definite preference for this grass over other forage available in the field. Max Mahlmann of Rosenberg in the Coastal Plains Soil Conservation District planted Gordo last year and said the cows preferred it over Medio and Angleton bluestem which were planted in 1958. No beef yields have been reported yet, but the grass has been proven to be attractive to cattle during the growing season and they graze it readily even after it becomes dormant.

Airplane-Seeded Gordo in Rice

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GORDO BLUESTEM AT MARLIN, TEXAS

This planting of Gordo was planted in the spring of 1959 in Big Creek Bottom. A single clipping weighed 23,750 pounds per acre DRY weight. Another planting of Gordo near this same planting was flooded 13 times during 1959 and survival was excellent. (Photo courtesy of the USDA-SCS.)



AMERICAN WOOL COUNCIL

Extolling the wonders of wool and American-made wool products is the goal of the newly formed American Wool Council, a division of the American Sheep Producers Council, headquartered in Denver. Helping to formulate plans for an extensive advertising and promotion program are these members of the ASPC's wool committee, composed of sheep producers, and the council's new advertising agency, the Grey Agency of New York City. Seated, left to right, are Walter Pfluger of Eden, Texas, chairman of the committee; Arthur Fatt, president of Grey; and A. S. MacArthur, sheepraiser from Wagon Mound, New Mexico. Standing, left to right, are Jack Thomas of Grey, Dan Fulton of Ismay, Mont., Edmond Richer of Grey; Roy Ward, general manager of the Pacific Wool Growers Association at Portland, Oregon; and Hugh Baber, a sheep producer from Chico, California.

rice after the field was drained but before the rice was combined. It is too early to determine the results of this seeding but last reports in were that it looks good for rice-pasture rotation. Conservationists believe that there is a need for land protection as well as for providing grazing and they see Gordo Bluestem as doing this job. If the grass can be seeded prior to rice harvest the land will not be unprotected but for a short time if at all, the agronomists believe.

Seed Germination Rapid

Seed germination of Gordo bluestem is more rapid than any other bluestem, and the seedlings are exceptionally vigorous. The plants ability to flatten under grazing or mowing gives it a great advantage over competitive weeds and weedy grasses. Good solid stands of Gordo have been established in one growing season by mowing and/or shredding.

Gordo is better adapted to clay soils than to those of a sandy texture. Seed should be planted at the rate of one pound of PLS per acre about cotton planting time or early in the fall.

Season of Growth

In the years following establishment, Gordo does not begin new growth until very late in the spring. At San Antonio this date is about April 1 to May 1. Similar reports are on hand from other sections of southern and southeastern Texas. Bud Smith said this fact should be made clear to cooperators who plant the

grass, to prevent stands being plowed out before new growth has a chance to show, and to permit planned use of the grass only for late summer and fall rather than in the spring. The plants nature to flatten to the ground under grazing or mowing, not only brings about better weed control but roots quickly and thus under favorable conditions spread to solid stands in one season.

Good Hay Crop

Plantings of Gordo have yielded as much as three and one-third tons of hay per acre. On fields where 150 pounds of ammonium nitrate per acre was applied immediately after haying, the next harvest growth was enough to have yielded four and on-half tons of hay per acre.

Seed Now on Market

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National contestants in the "Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest, National Auxiliary President Mrs. O. T. Evans; Carrell Currie, Miss Wool of America; Day Padgett, Miss Wool of Texas; and Mrs. W. B. Whitehead, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Auxiliary President, were among the honored guests.

The guest list also included 120 State Auxiliary presidents, State contest directors, district directors, national officers and Wool Bureau and A. S. P. C. officials.

Mr. Robert Dunn, Vice-President of Joske's, welcomed the guests and introduced the ladies at head table.

Fashions were chosen from designers' collections, many of which had been flown in from New York where they had been presented the week previously in National Press Week previews.

Particular interest was shown in the use of the new chiffon weight wool in spring collections by such world-famous designers as Dior and Herbert Sondheim.

A huge State of Texas with "Wool" thick scoured wool letters 3 feet tall was used as a back ground for the stage. San Antonio was marked with a star with a Welcome greeting from San Antonio's and Joske's to the National Convention. This background was left in place all throughout the Convention week.

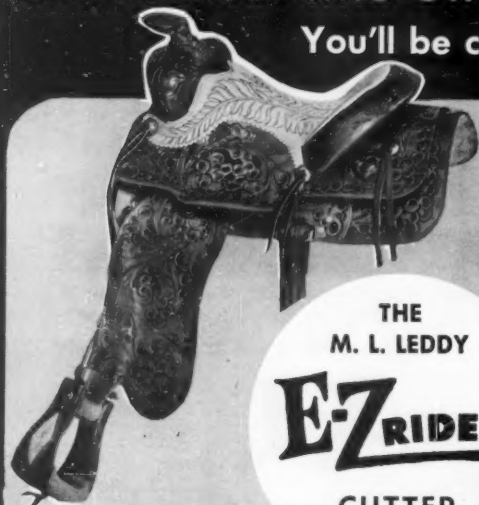
Place cards were attached to red wool cut in the form of the State with a yellow rose marking San Antonio. A corsage pin was attached so they might be worn. Two National Make It With Wool contestants Marian Kawakami, 16, American Fork, Utah; and Nancy Sloper of Chawehilla, Colorado were pictured holding a ceramic Ram made by leading artist Mary Vance Green which was used in the table centerpiece at Joske's of Texas Brunch fashion Show.



HONORED GUESTS

Carrell Currie and Day Padgett were among the honored guests at Joske's of Texas brunch fashion show, held Monday, January 25 in their Camellia Room. Day's Maltese dog named Aimbe was introduced also before the brunch. Aimbe goes with Day on shopping trips tucked snugly in this carrying basket.

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COLD WEATHER could not freeze the spirits of those who viewed and worked in the Coleman show, fully equal in quality to previous events.

The two-day show featured a breeding sheep contest several times as large as last year, with quality also improved.

Jay Vance, Coleman County ranchman, was toastmaster of the Breeder-Feeder banquet the first night of the two day show, January 18. A full house enjoyed a wonderful dinner prepared by the ladies of the Talpa community.

The placings of the breeding sheep and lamb show follow. The second day was devoted to a chilly showing of steers, barrows and capons. The grand champion steer was shown by Jackie Horne, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Huckabee, Coleman.

BREEDING SHEEP

Rambouillet ewe lambs—1. Dean Brown. Aged ewes—1. Don Allen, Coleman; 2. Tommy Kirby, Novice; 3. Bewel Neff, Coleman; 4. Neff; 5. and 6. Kirby; 7. Allen; 8. Kirby; 9. Dean Brown, Talpa.

Champion ewe—Dean Brown; reserve, Don Allen.

Ram lamb—1. Don Allen.

Aged ram—Allen.

Champion and reserve rams—Allen.

Delaine ewe lambs—1. Dean Brown, Talpa; 2. Brown; 3. and 4. Eddie Hartman; 5. John Dillingham; 6. Hartman; 7. Les Guthrie; 8. Knox Pittard; 9. Dillingham; 10. Dean Brown.

Champion and reserve ewes — Dean Brown.

Delaine ram lamb—1. John Dillingham.

Delaine aged ram—1. Eddie Hartman.

Champion Delaine ram—Hartman, reserve, Dillingham.

Suffolk ewe lambs—1. and 2. Paul and Scott Beaver, Talpa; 3. Phil Watkins; 4. and 5. J. C. Bible, Santa Anna; 6. Melvin Lawrence, Mozelle; 7. Watkins; 8. and 9. Lawrence.

Suffolk aged ewes—1. to 5. J. C. Bible. Champion Suffolk ewe — Beaver; reserve, Beaver.

Suffolk ram lambs—1. and 2. Beaver; 3. Lawrence.

Suffolk aged ram—Bible.

Champion Suffolk ram — Beaver; reserve, Bible.

Get of sire—1. Beaver; 2. Bible.

Exhibitor's flock—1. Bible.

Cheviot champion ram and ewe — Dean Brown, Talpa.

Hampshire ewe—1. Barton Goodwin, Santa Anna.

FAT LAMBS

Lightweight finewool lambs—1. Don Jackson, Coleman; 2. Eddie Fuller, Coleman; 3. Ann Joyce, Coleman; 4. Collins Steward, Santa Anna; 5. Randy Brown, Santa Anna; 6. Don Hipsher, Coleman; 7. Mac Henderson, Mozelle; 8. Don Jackson; 9. Dayton Jackson, Coleman; 10. Larry Bragg, Talpa.

Heavy finewool lambs—1. Randy Brown; 2. Eddie Hartman, Santa Anna; 3. Randy Brown; 4. John Dillingham, Santa Anna; 5. Randy Brown; 6. and 7. Eddie Hartman; 8. Collins Steward; 9. Knox Pittard, Mozelle; 10. Randy Brown.

Group of three finewools—1. Randy Brown; 2. Eddie Hartman; 3. Dayton Jackson; 4. Collins Steward; 5. Don Jackson.

Champion finewool—Randy Brown; reserve, Eddie Hartman.

Lightweight finewool crossbreds—1. Larry Bragg, Talpa; 2. Eddie Hartman; 3. Rudy Carillo, Coleman; 4. Steve Mitchell, Coleman; 5. Bob Gillespie, Coleman; 6. Eddie Hartman; 7. James West, Coleman; 8. Douglas Mitchell, Coleman; 9. Charles Frierson, Novice; 10. Bob Gillespie.

Heavy finewool crossbreds—1. Larry Bragg; 2. Gene Joyce; 3. Melvin Lawrence, Mozelle; 4. Dean Brown, Talpa; 5. Larry Bragg; 6. Don Jackson; 7. John Dillingham, Santa Anna; 8. Knox Pittard, Mozelle; 9. Gail Champion, Novice; 10. John Dillingham, Santa Anna.

Pen of three finewool crosses—1. Larry Bragg; 2. Knox Pittard; 3. John Dillingham; 4. Eddie Hartman; 5. Dillingham.



BRAGG SHOWS TWO CHAMPS

Standing center is young Larry Bragg, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Bragg, Talpa, who showed his two champions, a fine wool cross and a Hampshire cross. On left is Randy Brown, 14, with his champion fine wool lamb, and on right is Collins Steward, 16, with his champion Southdown. (Kelton Photo)

Champion finewool cross—Larry Bragg; reserve, Gene Joyce.

Other crosses—champion, Larry Bragg; reserve, Ann Joyce; 3. Don Hipsher, Coleman; 4. Eddie Pullem, Coleman; 5. Don Jackson; 6. Don Jackson; 7. Collins Steward; 8. Don Hipsher; 9. Gene Joyce; 10. Jackson.

Pen of three other crosses—1. Ann Joyce; 2. Donald Jackson; 3. Don Hipsher.

Mediumwool lambs — champion, Collins Steward; reserve, Steward; 3. Steve Mitchell, Coleman; 4. Eddie Hartman, Santa Anna; 5. Donald Jackson; 6. Ann Joyce; 7. Larry Bragg; 8. Eddie Hartman; 9. Donald Jackson; 10. Gene Joyce.

Pen of three mediumwools—1. Gene Joyce; 2. Donald Jackson.

THE SAN ANTONIO EXPOSITION FEATURES CHAROLAIS SALE

THE CHAROLAIS cattle breeders are again utilizing the San Antonio Livestock Exposition to help supply the growing demand for Charolais Cattle. Under the auspices of the Texas Charolais & Charolais-Cross Sales Corp, a number of Texas breeders are bringing a consignment sale of 43 top Charolais & Charolais-Cross animals to the San Antonio Livestock Exposition Wednesday, February 17, 1960. The sale will be held at 9:00 A.M. in the auction tent at the Exposition. Walon Houck of Karnes City, Texas, will serve as auctioneer.

The sale will offer 15 purebred Charolais of exceptional quality, including one female and fourteen bulls, and will also offer sixteen 7/8 females, one 29/32 female, seven 15/16 females, three 7/8 bulls, and one 15/16 bull.

Only top quality animals will be sold, and all entries must pass a rigid screening test before being accepted for sale.

Sale consignors include the following Texas breeders: Raymond Hicks, Bandera; John E. Frost, Weslaco; Johnny R. Adams, Marathon; Ralph W. Hutchins, Raymondville; K. P. Caskey, Weslaco; Gordon Banks, Clarksville; Andrew Askew, Houston; Kenneth C. Miller, Tyler; J. M. Chittim, Leakey; and G. A. Morris, Rocksprings.

Catalogues will be available, upon request, from the association office at 831 Majestic Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

STERLING SHOW

THE STERLING County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show was held January 18 in Sterling City with the girls and boys sharing the awards about equally. Don McDonald was presented the showmanship award in the breeding sheep division, and Jerry Payne received the showmanship award in the fat lamb division.

Betty Jo Barrett showed the champion registered Rambouillet ewe, and Troy Murrell exhibited the champion registered Rambouillet ram in the breeding sheep division.

Le Ruth Reed exhibited the champion finewool lamb, and Don McDonald had the champion crossbred lamb in the fat lamb division of the show.

California sheep growers in a recent meeting highly commended Safeway Stores on the announcement that the chain of grocery super markets will not handle imported lamb or mutton.

Texas Delaine News

By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

THE VARIOUS stock shows throughout the state have been exceptionally good in the quality of stock to be found on exhibition. Most have had a very good attendance, despite inclement weather, sickness, and the numerous other hindrances that are so prevalent this time of year.

As has been the custom of long standing, Mills County again can be very proud of their recent local show in Goldthwaite, Harold Bragg served as judge for the entire sheep show, which was a great task. The junior and open Delaine show was large in number and exceptional in quality. Harold and Danny Miles were top winners in the ram class, and John Pat and Don Rudd had the champion ewe. These brothers were also the recipients of the ewes donated by Joe LeMay and David Watters for the top Delaine exhibitors of the junior show. Hollis Blackwell made the sheep and goat exhibitors feel their efforts in improving their flocks well worth it by the hundred dollars he distributes among them each year. This is a great challenge to the boys and girls of Mills County, and the response is very gratifying each year as the show continues to grow in quantity and quality. To the many boys and girls, teachers, county agent, parents, and business men that work so hard to make this show a success we extend congratulations and hope each ensuing year will bring even greater success.

Ray Glasscock began his show year by winning his county show and in the Kerrville District Show, he had a ewe that was beaten only in the show for the champion of all champions by the calf. This is indeed an honor, and we offer congratulations on his achieving this goal.

Frank Kroll, veteran sheep breeder of Harper, says his country is in great shape, and one finds it hard to believe that such an about face could take place so soon. The sheep business has been very good with him through the years, and he is looking forward to another good one this year. Many of the younger breeders have at some time or other had breeding stock from the Kroll flock. The following have been added to our roster of new members since last writing: Grafton Brookshire and Michael R. Rush, Talpa; M. H. Boatler, Big Spring; Gilbert and Sharon Casbeer, Goldthwaite. We are very happy to have them with us, and hope them much success.

James Kemp, Hamilton; Elam and Danny Miles, Star; John H. Benningfield, Star; and Donald Elms, Goldthwaite have purchased additional ewes and rams to help build their flocks. These boys began with a ewe or so a year or two back, and they are fast building flocks that are a credit to any breeder, and the nice part of it is the fact that it has paid them for their efforts.

Edgar Glasscock of Sonora states the Sutton County ranches are in the

best condition they have been in for many years. Livestock is in top condition, and the ranchers are beginning to smile once more when asked about the status of their ranching operations. We are, indeed, happy this condition exists in most places over the country, and we sincerely hope it continues.

GARRETT HEADS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

DR. R. G. GARRETT of Taylor has been named executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission to replace Dr. L. R. Noyes whose retirement became effective January 31. Dr. Garrett has served as assistant director since September 1, 1959.

The new director has announced that the commission will continue its program on the eradication of brucellosis and screwworm.

The commission is composed of the following men who represent various phases of animal industry in Texas: Dr. Garrett, veterinarian and sheep and beef cattle raiser; Frank Scofield of Austin, chairman of the commission and a beef cattle industry representative; George Apple of McKinney, dairy cattle representative; Joe Fechtel of Dallas, poultry industry representative; R. H. Hartman of Victoria, representative for the Texas veterinarians; Fred Stephens of San Antonio, representing the swine industry; and Clayton Puckett of Fort Stockton, sheep and goat industry representative.

POWELL RE-ELECTED WAREHOUSE HEAD

THE WEST Texas Wool and Mohair Association stockholders held their 42nd annual meeting at Mertzon, Texas January 11. Officers reelected were Virgil Powell, San Angelo, president; John R. Scott, Vice-president; G. C. Magruder, San Angelo, Executive Vice-president, and R. Crawford, Secretary-Treasurer. In addition to the officers, other directors are H. M. Noelke, Mertzon; George Demere, Water Valley; Joe Funk and Len Mertz, San Angelo. Capital stock of the Association was said to be \$100,000. The directors and paid a ten per cent dividend in December.

WOOL GROWERS SELECT OFFICERS

THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Wool Growers Central Storage Company held their 51st annual meeting in San Angelo, January 13. Bill Upton of San Angelo was elected as a new director. Directors re-elected were Jack Allison, W. E. Kinney, J. C. Cunningham, Lea Aldwell, J. Willis Johnson III and George F. Rust, all of San Angelo; Roy Henderson, Ozona; and M. C. Puckett and Jerry Puckett, Fort Stockton. Jack Allison was re-elected president; Kinney, Puckett and Henderson, vice-presidents; Clay H. Jackson, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Helen W. McKnight, assistant secretary-treasurer.



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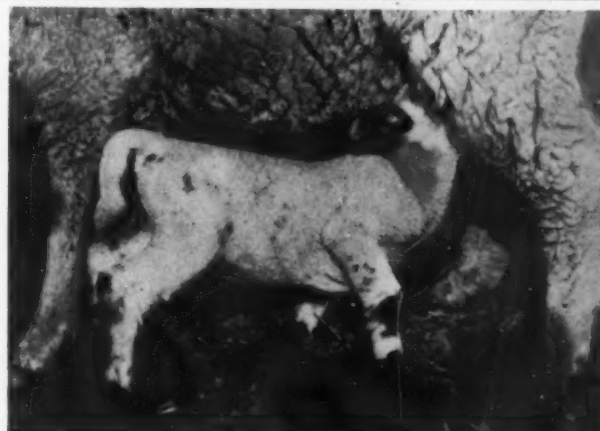
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CORN BELT lamb finishers found an unexpected development taking place at the outset of the New Year. The decision by the Department of Agriculture early in December to halt federal grading of lamb carcasses in federally inspected plants was reversed on the final day of 1959, just a few days prior to the time this service was to be brought to a halt.

This latest action by the Department of Agriculture, which left federal grading of lambs in force, came after many hot protests from both major farm organizations and various consumer interests following the original announcement.

Actually, lamb finishers were informed that this decision was made mainly to delay any permanent action regarding the future of lamb grading. The delay was decided in order that Congress could be given a chance to hear sides and possibly decide the future of this service. The final decision will be made by the Department of Agriculture early in February after the lawmakers in Washington offer their opinions.

Thus, the lamb feeding industry started the New Year with uncertainty prevailing regarding the outcome of lamb grading. Many finishers have expressed opposition to federal lamb grading often in the past for various reasons. The main object is that the federal grading system actually works against producers and finishers by providing lower returns. They claim it restricts competition among lamb processors who have to depend on government graders to place their stamp on the carcass, which would ultimately decide the selling price in wholesale channels.

However, groups favoring the continuance of the federal service of grading lambs apparently had a louder voice recently since they were successful in temporarily halting any definite action until it can be brought to the attention of our lawmakers. It appeared that consumer interests made up a large segment of this group and their efforts met with some success. These groups have contended that housewives have become used to buying their various cuts of lamb on a grade basis and that federal grading standards are needed at retail levels.

Although the lamb feeding industry was anxiously awaiting any further action or announcement regarding this controversy in the immediate future, feeders at the outset of 1960 appeared more concerned with the more optimistic turn of events which got the New Year off to a healthier start.

Actually, all livestock producers were given a vote of confidence at this time by the stronger undertone and higher prices which developed in most classes of livestock at the

turn of the year. However, much of the limelight was centered on the lamb market, which continued to make further price gains during the first half of January after a stronger trend in lamb prices was instituted during the final days of 1959.

To the satisfaction of virtually all livestock feeders, the price gains chalked up in major classes early in January were made in the face of heavier slaughtering at the outset of the year. Some impressive figures were gleaned from federally inspected slaughtering data.

The most significant was centered around sheep and lamb slaughter data. During the first week of 1960 federally inspected packing plants slaughtered a total of 314,000 head, the largest total for any January week in 13 years. Cattle slaughter totaled 330,000 head during this same period, a gain of 12 per cent over the same week a year ago, while hog slaughtering was placed at 1,506,000 head, up 24 cent from the same week in 1959.

The period of higher lamb prices was actually spread over four weeks and the accumulation of these daily price gains boosted the general level of lamb prices substantially above the low point of mid-December and to the highest point since October.

Factors stimulating the demand for lambs at Chicago included improved quality in early January marketings which caused eastern order buying interests to come to life. Strong competition from the east, coupled with more active interest shown by local killers, provided a very good undertone.

Top woolled lambs early in January suddenly moved up to \$20.75, the highest price in two months. Part

CATTLE BUSINESS LOOKING GOOD

JOHN BONNER, manager of Newman Feed Mill, San Angelo, said the cattle business is good at this time. The market has firmed up all over the country, and the demand is strong. John said, due to the fact good quality cattle are scarce at this time of the year, he feels the prices will hold. People are holding the yearlings until they get a little more weight on them.

He said, "The cattle prices along the Gulf Coast for December and January were higher than anywhere else due to outside demands. They are like those in Old Mexico. I went to look at some good quality Mexican Hereford calves at 28c and by the time I got there they wanted 33½c, which is higher than anywhere in this country except maybe on the West Coast."

"The grass outlook is the best we've ever had. Feed volume is off due to the good ranch conditions and the spring outlook. With this excellent outlook for spring and the light feeding this winter, the feed prices will not advance any the rest of the winter."

John has just finished a feed-lot experiment on 64 head of cross-bred yearling steers. He fed them extra fortification with yeast and the rate of gain more than paid for the small extra cost of the feed.

of the killer competition for lambs at Chicago at this time came from Canadian slaughterers. Several loads of woolled offerings went to Canada for slaughter around the \$20 mark.

Corn Belt cattle feeders were also given a substantial boost during the first part of January to eliminate much of the bearishness prevailing during the final weeks of 1959. The arrival of the New Year found cattle marketings moderating and this started steer and heifer prices on the upswing during the first half of January.

The day to day price gains were modest, but the accumulation of these gains brought the general level of prices by mid-January substantially above the two-year lows of late 1959. Gains of \$1.50 to \$3 were chalked up by steers, while corresponding gains were also recorded in heifers.

Not only did the price upturn bring out more optimism at this time from cattle feeding circles, but it quickly erased most of the losses which appeared in recent weeks in the marketing of short-fed steers. During the final weeks of 1959 losses ranging up to \$50 per head were reported in new-crop short-fed steers, but the sudden turnabout brought this to an end rather quickly, and early in January the same classes of steers was marketed at prices which showed a small profit for the owners.

Meanwhile, the longer-fed steers which late in 1959 returned only a part of the cost of the corn utilized in their finishing period, moved back up to a point where their owners were getting slightly more than full value for the feed consumed to provide small profits.

This period of moderate cattle marketings which developed during the early days of 1960 is expected to be of short duration. With Corn Belt feedlots again well stocked with cattle

as the New Year got underway, it is generally expected that a heavier movement will begin in the near future, to eliminate any further substantial price upturns. Meanwhile, most cattle feeders were gratified that their position had improved somewhat at the start of the year in order to give them a cushion for any reaction that might develop in coming weeks.

Although the general level of hog prices made a fair-sized recovery from the near four-year lows established on the final session of 1959, some informed interests were rather disappointed in this showing since they had expected hog prices to make an even better improvement during the initial weeks of 1960.

Both the top and average level of prices moved up about \$1 from the low point during the first half of January, but some had anticipated a greater recovery in prices, which did not materialize.

Stimulating broader buying of hogs at steadily higher prices at this time was an almost steady advance in wholesale pork prices that eventually boosted most cuts to the highest levels since Thanksgiving. However, a factor which held hog prices more or less in check by keeping daily gains on a modest basis was the continued fairly heavy numbers which continued to move into major market centers.

It was this latter factor that the above-mentioned group of informed men in the hog industry had not anticipated. They expected hog numbers to experience a fairly sharp dip as soon as the New Year arrived, but hog producers withheld sufficient numbers from 1959 marketings to provide pork processors with fairly good volume during the early part of 1960.

A big question hovering over the hog industry at the present is what effect the Department of Agriculture's announcement of a 12-per-cent reduction in this spring's pig crop will have on the industry. Some believe that this sharp drop in breeding intentions, which points to higher hog prices late in 1960, will cause immediate increased breeding of sows. This will not only result subsequently in reducing the announced drop in hogs, but will also restrict any possible improvement in hog prices during the final portion of 1960. The answer to this question will not be known until late in the year when results become visible.

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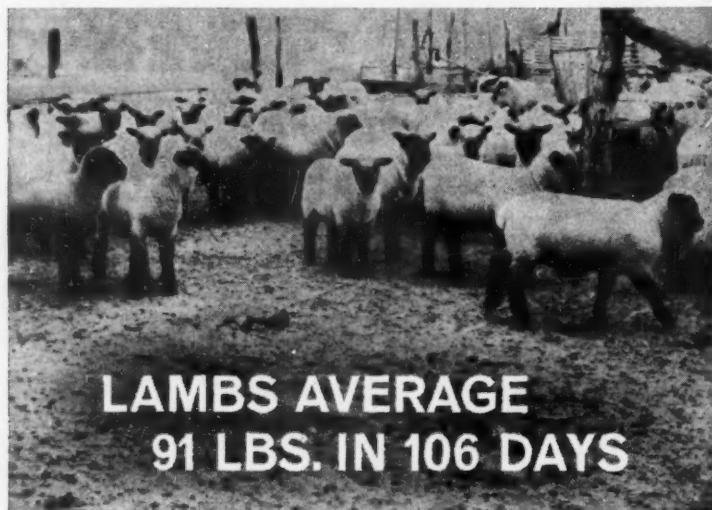
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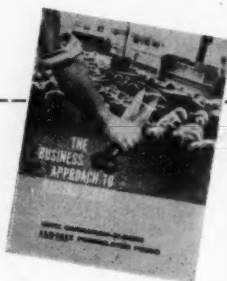
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Here's a piece by a perfesser that says space is still space even if it's occupied. Not when it's a parkin' space occupied by another car, it ain't.

Gabe Horsfall whizzed up close to heaven's gate when he overheard his kinfolks plottin' to send him somethin' in glass for Christmas. It turned out to be a clock in a glass case. A guard has been set over Gabe to keep him from doin' away with hisself.

Josh Blicher says his only real enemy is a neighbor that was hoein' a hard row of stumps and he gave him \$5. Ever since the feller has been gunnin' for Josh 'cause he didn't give him \$10.

These charges that disk jockeys get paid for playin' the same record six or seven times a day, they plumb amaze me. I thought they played the same record all the time, at different speeds.

A new course in the social has been added at Hardscrabble High. First

lesson is when to serve chip dip and when to serve sheep dip.

Edditor of the Hardscrabble Clarion has had to put off his big story on the national debt till he can get in a fresh supply of ciphers from the type foundry.

We sure have beautiful sunsets here on Squawberry Flat. I'm gonna look into the rumor that we have beautiful sunrises too, if I ever have a real bad case of insomnia.

They call 'em the Golden Years 'cause you can look back on the years when you had a pay check every week 'stead of a social security check evry month, for half as much.

Yeah, you might call Squawberry Flat a mite arid. It takes three Texas drouths to make one dry spell for us, and three of our rainstorms to make one Oregon shower.

There's a suspishun that people abroad love Americans mainly for our dollars. It's different here at home, where we're loved mainly for our votes.

When I hit the banker for a loan he said sure, but he'd have to hold out the interest for the full term of the loan and that would be \$86 more'n I was borrowin'. Soon as I raise the \$86 I'll be a solid citizen with credit at the bank.

My niece, Deliria, thinks that soil mannidgement means to mix mud so's it'll stick or splatter when throwed.

Polecat Whepley is puttin' in all his time thinkin' up a system where nobody'll have to work. Says he could get the details figgered out in a week if his wife would help him with the paper work, but she won't quit her job at the restrant.

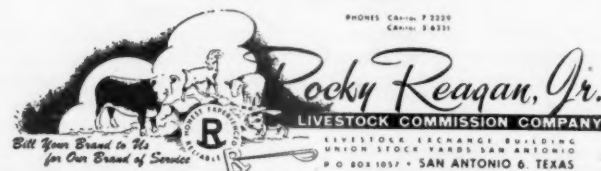
Her disposishun makes my wife a spender but my fynances makes both of us non-spenders.

Grampaw Whepley heard his first rock-and-roll concert last night, and says they ain't a thing new about it. Used to hear lots of it when he was a boy, only they called it shivaree music then.

Bart Whepley says he robbed a bank once. Had some desert land not

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Mrs. Josh Blicher is pesterin' Josh

to take her around the world, but he won't go. Says he could never take along enough squawberry cordial to keep him from gettin' homesick.

A new kind of seegar tobacco is bein' raised that produces 35% more. That's no way to solve the smog problem.

Crop surveys show that twice as much sorgum'll be planted on Squawberry Flat this year. It's on account of Ringtail Skump's discovery that a sorgum patch hides a still ever bit as good as a brush thicket.

Uncle Hackamore Smigler is awful tired of dirty digs about how he still votes for Bryan. Says he stopped votin' for Bryan in 1916 and since

then he ain't marked a ballot for nobody but Woodrow Wilson.

I expect us Squawberry Flatters would be just like other Americans and in rebellion against established authority, if any authority had ever been established out here.

Country edditer in Missouri has landed the top job on a big New York daily. Edditer of the Hardscrabble Clarion says he got the same offer but turned it down when he learned that New Yorkers don't hardly never pay their subscriptions in moonshine.

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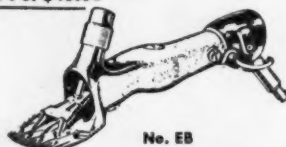
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By JAY RICHTER

U.S.D.A. MEAT economists believe that lamb prices will be up to or above last year's levels through the late winter and early spring.

The number of sheep and lambs placed on feed for the winter and early spring markets was about the same this season as a year ago. But the feeder lamb movement got underway earlier than usual, forecasting an earlier movement of fed lambs.

Looking at those trends, the economists have logically predicted that the seasonal drop in slaughter and rise in prices will come earlier than usual, too. Another factor in the price outlook: The number of lambs available for slaughter this winter is down from a year ago.

Lamb got only a fractional share of U.S.D.A.'s big meat purchases to supply school lunchrooms in the current school year.

A sum-up look at the purchase program shows that since last September, the Agriculture Department has bought more than 70 million pounds of meat products for schools. These purchases included just 357,000 pounds of frozen ground lamb.

Recent hearings on whether Federal lamb grading should be continued or suspended produced convincing proof of the influence of consumers in the Congress these days.

The hearings were held before the House Agriculture Committee. Through much of the testimony and the questioning by Committee members a single theme echoed again and again: It was the importance of considering the housewife's desires and convenience in any governmental actions affecting the marketing of foods.

Even legislators from predominantly rural areas made repeated reference to this question to taking the consumer into account.

Some of this emphasis on the consumer may have been due to the fact that the big General Federation of Women's Clubs took an active part in the fight to continue grading of lamb. But part of the emphasis was also due to the fact that consumer interests generally are getting more attention in Congress than in the past.

Another study by Iowa State College economists has given farm policymakers a graphic look at what we might expect if the Congress junks the whole farm price support program.

This study was aimed at estimating what would happen if we had no price supports or controls for feed grains, wheat, and some other major crops.

The economists began with the assumption that all feed grain programs were to be dropped after the 1959 crops and the wheat program eliminated after 1960.

The results:

By 1962, they estimated, corn would be down to 66 cents a bushel and wheat to 74 cents a bushel. Hogs would be selling around \$10.00 a

hundredweight, beef cattle at about \$11.50, broilers at 13 cents a pound, and eggs at slightly over 27 cents a dozen. The total value of 7 major livestock products would drop from \$16.6 billion in the 1958-59 season to \$12.8 billion in the 1962-63 season.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon says nothing publicly these days to indicate he is not in full support of every detail of the Administration's farm program. But Washington continues to get reports from pro-Nixon sources that the Vice-President — assuming he gets the GOP presidential nomination — will find some way to cut himself loose in the Presidential campaign from any direct association with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson.

Benson says publicly he expects no change in the present situation which finds Nixon publicly in his corner whenever the issue arises. After all, Benson says, Nixon has been a member of this Administration and has shared in the making of its farm policies.

The Agriculture Department's long, detailed statement on the use of chemicals in agriculture, issued in Washington recently, had three major goals.

One was to reassure consumers of the safety and purity of the nation's food supply, and to warn them that any hasty moves against chemicals in agriculture might backfire against the interests of consumers.

Another was to lay down in detail the Department's position on this controversial subject — and endorsement of the safe use of thoroughly tested chemicals. This, incidentally, was done in consultation with both the White House and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Third purpose of the long statement was to emphasize to farmers the vital need to follow label directions in the use of all agricultural chemicals and drugs. To back up this point, USDA has ordered the Extension service to step up its educational campaign in this field and a special series of leaflets for farmers and food handlers is being prepared.

Western lawmakers are pushing a group of new bills aimed at helping



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communities relieve water shortages by building their own plants for the purification of salt and brackish water.

One such bill was introduced by Republican Congressman John J. Rhodes of Arizona. Under Rhodes' proposal, communities which want to build water conversion plants could get Federal loans which would be repaid, with interest, over a period of 40 years.

Loans under the program, Rhodes' bill provides, would be limited to 90 per cent of the cost of the plant or to \$1 million, whichever figure is smaller.

Congressional reaction to President Eisenhower's call for new farm laws this year has been just about what you'd expect.

The Democratic majority is, by and large, opposed to the Administration's number one proposal. This is the plan to eliminate all production controls on wheat and reduce price supports sharply under a new formula based on average market prices instead of parity.

The Administration also wants to extend the Conservation Reserve — on a large scale if its wheat program is approved, on a more modest basis if there is no new wheat legislation.

Prospects for approval of a Conservation Reserve bill this year appear fairly good at this point. The program won't get through without a fight, because it has some powerful opponents at the Capitol, including the Chairmen of the House and Senate Agricultural Appropriations Subcommittees.

With all major farm organizations favoring extension, however, the Conservation Reserve extension should have the support of a majority of members of Congress in any showdown vote.

President Eisenhower's budget proposals for the fiscal year which opens July 1 contains more money for Agricultural Research, but not the boost which backers of the Great Plains Conservation Program had been hoping for.

The President's budget message also included his guess that the cost of the National Wool Act program will be down substantially in the new fiscal year.

Spending on this program for the current fiscal year is now estimated at \$93.5 million. For the year beginning July 1, the cost is estimated at \$70.3 million.

According to a presidential decree, life insurance for Mexican braceros working on U. S. farms will be handled by the U. S. Social Security Institute, effective February 1. Previously, this insurance was handled by insurance companies of the U. S. This change was provided for in the latest modification of the migratory worker agreement between the two countries.

The 3,500-acre Jack Roberts ranch near Marathon was recently sold to Gene Kelton of McCamey. Kelton plans to stock the place with cattle. The ranch, which is spring watered, has been completely deferred 18 months.

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The Cattle Situation

By ELMER KELTON



THE WEST Texas cattle picture, which looked blue through the latter part of 1959, suddenly began to brighten as the new year came on.

Cattle prices hit the floor and bounced higher than even the most incurable optimists had said they would.

Nearly all cattle improved by as

much as \$2 cwt. in January, and some classes could be said to be up \$3.

Reason? Well, for one thing it would seem that panic had something to do with the fall decline. With prices on the way down, very few people like to buy. Figuring things will get even cheaper, they hold off and wait. So, sure enough, things get cheaper because nobody's buying. To some extent, a price decline of any duration begins to feed on itself, just as an increase often grows to a considerable degree on its own steam.

Feeder cattle were admittedly too high through most of the summer. Fat cattle prices didn't justify the feeder levels. So pressure finally got strong enough to start the decline. But instead of stopping when they got to a practical level, prices just kept going on down.

When finally they reached a level where it appeared the decline was over, confidence began to return to the market. Buyers who had held off—many of them with feedpens badly in need of replacements—moved back into the picture. Strengthened demand resulted in a strengthened market.

True, prices didn't get back to their spring and summer levels. No one expected them to, and no one expects it now. It would seem that the market had finally gotten itself back on an even keel, with prices at generally sensible levels where everyone involved had a chance to come out with a whole skin.

With cattlemen as a whole much cheered by the improved prices, we tried early in the year to get some predictions as to what 1960 would bring. A year earlier it hadn't been hard to get such predictions. This time about all we could get was a grin. Nobody was sticking his neck out very much. Most seemed cheerful about prospects into spring. Beyond that, they seemed to feel it was nobody's guess.

The conditions which caused all the scare talk in 1959 were still present, although it appeared from government reports that the buildup in cow numbers was tapering off.

Notably absent in January was any serious talk about spring and summer calf and yearling contracts. Some of the first 1959 contracts for fall delivery were actually drawn in January.

Anyone who made an offer on calves in January, 1960, probably would have been considered to be delicious with the flu. Or with flu medicine.

One San Angelo cattle buyer took a gamble on a small bunch of steer calves at 25 cents a pound — admittedly more for the fun of the gamble than because he really thought he knew what the market would be.

There was a lot of talk about where the contract prices might start — if there actually is much contracting. In an uncertain year, such as this one could be, both buyers and ranchmen tend to play it close to the belt. The 25-cent figure has had a tendency to creep into the conversation quite a lot, possibly because it's so handy to use. That's a far cry from the 35 of last year. It's also a little low in comparison with the January prices although it could very well look good by fall.

One ranch out in the Trans-Pecos country, one of the larger ones in West Texas, didn't get its calves sold in 1959. It passed up some high offers, waiting for a buyer who had expressed interest. Through fall and early winter, it could get no expressions of interest from anyone. Suddenly, in the first week of January, the ranch had calls from three buyers in three days and sold the steer calves — 360 of them — for 28 cents a pound.

Packer markets were up some too after a December drop. As for the good kind of stocker cows, it wasn't easy to find them — never had been. Good pairs — when anybody would sell them — might still bring as much as \$250. West Texas hadn't really finished stocking back.

A typical San Angelo market report looked like this:

Fat bulls, \$20 to \$22.50 cwt., medium \$16 to \$21; fat calves and yearlings \$21 to \$24, medium \$10 to \$21, plain \$15 to \$19; fat cows, \$14 to \$17, canners and cutters, \$11 to \$14; good stocker steers, \$26 to \$31, plain \$20 to \$26; good stocker heifers, \$23 to \$27, plain \$18 to \$23; stocker cows, \$15 to \$18.50; cows and calves, \$165 to \$240 per pair.

Sheep — especially lambs — also had a good month in January. Lambs were up average of \$2 to \$2.50 cwt. Shorn lambs that had sold before

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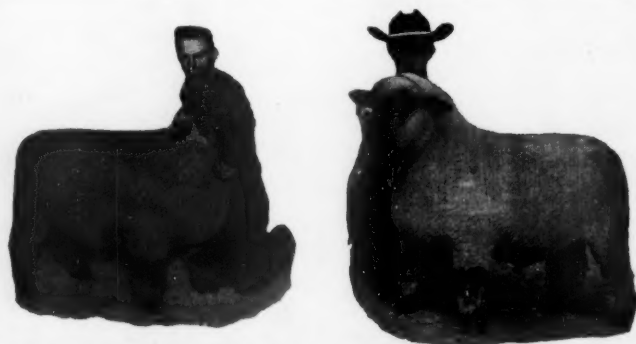
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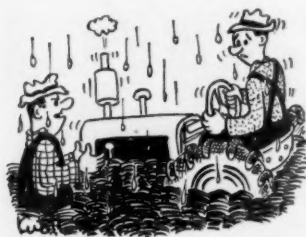
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As for breeding sheep, there was not much trading. There seldom is at this time of year.

A typical market report went this way:

Old bucks, \$5.50 to \$7 cwt.; old ewes, \$5 to \$6.50; yearling muttons, \$13 to \$13.50; aged muttons, \$10 to \$11; fat lambs, \$16.25 to \$17; wool stocker lambs, \$17 to \$19.50; clipped stocker lambs, \$16 to \$16.50; stocker ewes, \$8 to \$16 per head.

Some late sheep sales: Buster Trotter and Leroy Russell of San Angelo bought 700 clipped feeder lambs, 72 pounds, from Hawley VanCourt of Crane for \$16.50; 500 fall-shorn feeder lambs \$16.25 cwt. from Ed Thorpe, Joe Conger and Newt Keith of McCamey, weight 93½; two loads of fat lambs from Walton Poage and Ed Guy Branch of Rankin for \$17.50 cwt. delivered to Fort Worth; 1,000 wool lambs from the Frank Friend ranch at Ozona for \$17, weight 85 pounds.

The Carroll Farmer Co. of San Angelo bought 2,700 feeder lambs from Roy Henderson of Ozona for 16½ cents a pound straight across, about 1,900 of them full wool, 800 clipped, average weight 88 pounds.

All in all, it appeared those lamb feeders who had held off selling until January might break even or make a little money after all.

The Concho Hereford Assn. sold 77 bulls for average of \$737 in San Angelo. Sale was somewhat uneven, more so than it had been in two or three years.

Top price was \$3,175, paid by Edmiston Bros. of Eldorado for the champion bull, Anxiety King 53, offered by Dr. G. T. Hall of Big Spring. G. C. Nobles of Midland paid \$1,710 for Master Gwen 482 from J. Paul

Turner of Sweetwater. Several other bulls sold above the \$1,500 mark.

The Mitchell County Hereford Breeders Assn. achieved an average of \$304 per head on 37 young bulls and \$231 on 14 young heifers at Colorado City. These prices don't look spectacular, but the cattle were short-aged and not show-fitted. Consignors seemed well pleased. Top price was \$525, paid by O. A. Ruffin of Colorado City for Silver Boy 83, co-signed by Charles C. Thompson of Colorado City.

The Sand Hills Hereford Sale in Odessa had an average of \$331 per head on 34 bulls, \$327 on six females.

Cal Smith of Odessa paid top price of \$1,400 for Silver Return M1, bull consigned by McBride Bros. of Blanket. Clyde Reynolds of Garden City paid \$870 for Onward Domino 2nd, bull consigned by O. H. McAlister of Big Spring and Rhame.

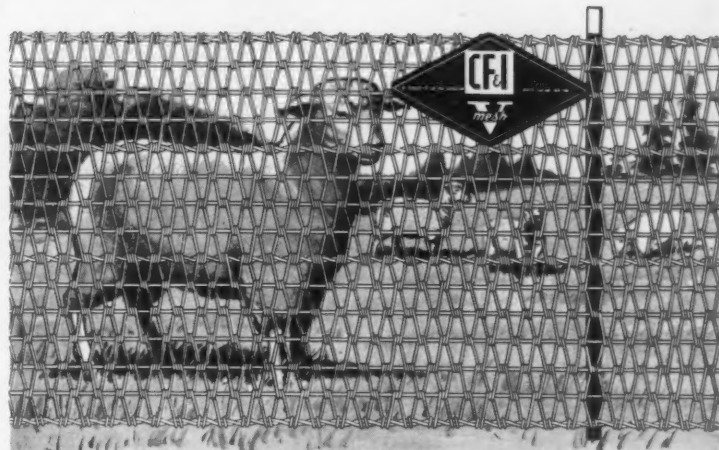
McAlister's champion bull at the Odessa show, M Onward 5th, brought top price of \$9,100 in the Denver sale shortly afterward.

In Brownwood, the 23rd annual Brown County Polled Hereford Assn. achieved an average of \$745 on 40 bulls and \$526 on 14 females. Top price was \$3,500, paid for a bull, JFG Domestic Mischief 323d, consigned by Jim and Fay Gill of Coleman. It was bought by Potomac Valley Farms of Washington, D. C. Another bull, VGHF Domestic Mischief 177th, brought \$2,700 for its consignors, John Will and Chrys Vance of Vance Golden Hoof Farms, Coleman.

Champion female was a Vance consignment, Miss VGHF Mischief 19th, sold for \$1,500 to T-Bone Ranch, Wichita Falls. Reserve champion female, CPH Queen Mischief 19th, consigned by R. E. and B. A. Cooper of Mercury sold for \$1,000 to G. B. Coleman of Navasota.

In each one of these recent West Texas registered sales, there have been good spots and draggy spots. It is becoming very evident that while buyers will still pay good prices for the bulls they want, they are becoming more selective than they were in the last year or two.

Edwin M. Jackson, a director of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and well known Eldorado ranchman, suffered a heart attack January 17, while visiting at the home of his son, Edwin Martin, Jr. He was reported to be in the Sonora hospital where he would be under medical care for several weeks.



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OFFICERS RE-ELECTED BY WAREHOUSE ASSOCIATION

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Texas Wool and Mohair Warehouse Association was held in Sonora, January 16. Representatives from 25 warehouses attended. Fred T. Earwood, Sonora was re-elected president; Frank Roddie, Brady and Jack Allison, San Angelo, vice presidents, and Al Kreuger, San Angelo, Treasurer. Tom Wallace, San Angelo, Executive Secretary, succeeding Ernest L. Williams, San Angelo. Other than the officers the following directors were re-elected; Hollis Blackwell, Goldthwaite; C. T. Holecamp, Junction, and W. T. Stewardson, Santa Anna.

It was voted to continue the association's twice yearly wool and mohair surveys of warehouses. The association also voted to request the T. S. & G. R. A. to make prompt market reports on wool and mohair available to members, especially reports on foreign mohair market. Tom Wallace advised the warehousemen of the work the T. S. & G. R. A. is doing on the lamb grading situation and advised that the association would have a representative in Washington March 22 to attend the tariff and quota hearing on lamb and sheep imports.

The warehousemen agreed that some storage and handling charge should be made on wool and mohair after it is sold. Fred Earwood said that the rate would vary in different areas but the charges mentioned were 25 cents per bag for the first month and 15 cents per bag thereafter.

DEL RIO WOOL AND MOHAIR COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

AT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Del Rio Wool and Mohair Company held recently three new directors were added to the board of directors. The newly elected directors are J. V. Drisdale of Juno, O. D. Finnegan of Del Rio, and L. L. Davis of Brackettville.

Re-elected as manager and secretary-treasurer was Joe Almond. Other directors of the firm are C. E. Long, president; W. A. Belcher, first vice-president; Jess M. Cox, second vice-president; Ray C. Hutto and W. B. Wallace.

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Billy Mund, Fredericksburg FFA boy, showed his dry lot steer to the grand championship in the District Show.

Another Fredericksburg FFA member, Billy Roeder, won the Showmanship Award.

This year's show was the biggest in history with over 800 entries — a record number — shown by FFA and 4-H boys and girls from 14 counties. Particularly outstanding were the Angora Goat Show of breeding animals and the Sheep Show of registered, fat, and commercial animals. The livestock entered in the show included: 269 fat lambs, 120 head of registered sheep, 146 Angora goats, 65 hogs, 20 dairy animals, 27 beef animals, and 38 pens of fryers. The well-planned and smooth-running Kerrville Show was 'better than ever this year, and it is undoubtedly one of the finest shows in the state. Attendance was high throughout the two days of judging, and a large crowd filled the stands for the auction on the night of the 19th.

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Ewe Lambs—Group of Three—1. Jo Addah Johnson; 2. Steve Fish; 3. Mark Jacoby, all of Sutton 4-H.

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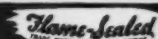


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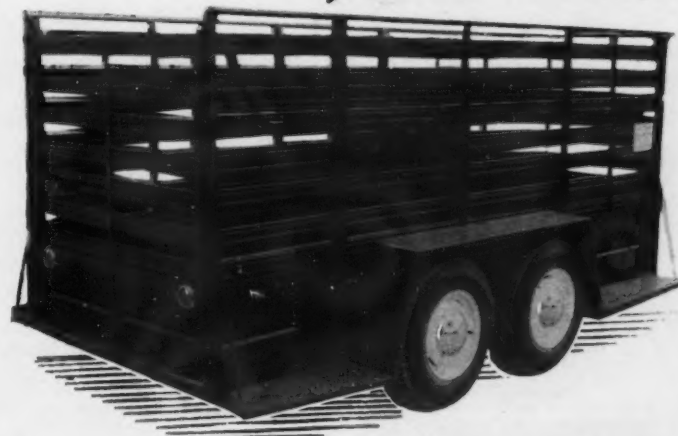
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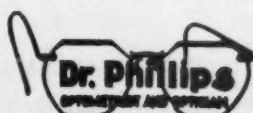
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Championship winners in the 1960 Kerrville Show were: Jack Klein, Kerr 4-H, High Point Trophy; Aime Real, Kerr 4-H, Champion of County; Billy Mund, Fredericksburg FFA, Champion of District; Billy Mund, Champion Beef Animal; Jack Klein, Kerr 4-H, Champion Angora goat; Robert Ray Glasscock, Sutton 4-H, Premier Delaine; Kay Karger, Kerr 4-H, Champion Commercial Sheep; Kyle Smith, Menard 4-H, Finewool Fat Lamb; Patricia Gallant, Medina 4-H, Corriedale-Columbia Crossbred Fat Lamb; Bobby Everston, Kerr 4-H, Medium wool Purebred; Aime Real, Medium wool-Finewool Crossbred; Ernie Kaiser, Center Point FFA, Southdown or Shropshire Crossbred Fat Lamb; Albert Baker, Kerr 4-H, Southdown or Shropshire Crossbred Fat Lamb; and Billy Roeder, Fredericksburg FFA, Showmanship.



TOP SHEEP AT KERRVILLE

An excellent line-up of the top place sheep in a recent Hill Country livestock show at Kerrville. From left to right: Robert Ray Glasscock, 11, Sonora, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glasscock with his champion registered sheep. A Delaine, this animal was judged top animal of the sheep show. Next is Buck Karger, 14, and his sister Kay, 17, children of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Karger of Kerrville, with the champion commercial Rambouillet of the show, a ewe, bred by the YO ranch near Mountain Home; Kyle Smith, 9, Menard, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, with his champion fine wool lamb. Next is Bucky Evertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Evertson of Kerrville, with his champion medium

wool lamb; Aime Real III, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aime Real, Kerrville, with his champion crossbred lamb. Ernie Kaiser, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kaiser, Center Point, with his champion Southdown crossbred lamb, and Albert Baker, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker, Kerrville, with his champion Southdown lamb. Not shown is champion Corriedale crossbred lamb exhibited by Patricia Gallant of Medina. On the left, background, is Warren Klein, Kerrville, President of the Kerr County Livestock Association, and Felix Real, Jr., Superintendent of the sheep division. Fred Earwood judged the commercial sheep; Fred Wilkerson, Crane County Agent, fat lambs; Billy Kid, San Saba County Agent, registered breeding sheep, and Authur Davis, Sabinal, Angora goats.

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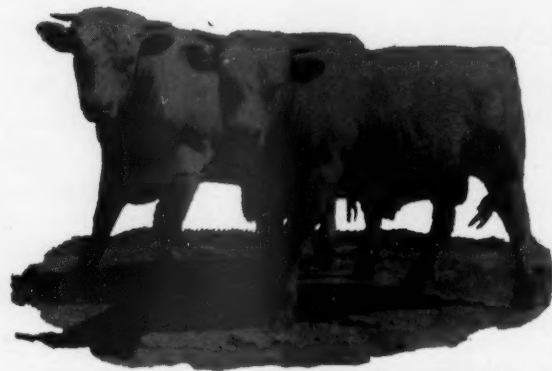
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PFC. ROBERT W. BURK

PFC. ROBERT W. (BOBBY) BURK, 21, former Eden High School football star and an outstanding Concho County 4-H Club boy, was killed November 19 in a one-car accident near Travis Air Force Base, California, just 16 days before he was to receive his discharge from the service.

Young Burk was, with his brother Charles J. (Buck) Burk, a long-time member of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders' Association.

The survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burk of Eden; the brother, Charles J. Burk, a student at Sul Ross State College in Alpine; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Will Burk of Eden; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kyzar of Grosvonor, Texas.

JOHN BENJAMIN PRUETT

JOHN BEN PRUETT, 80, prominent Sanderson and Marfa area ranchman and a member of a pioneer West Texas ranching family, died December 31 in Brewster Memorial Hospital in Marfa. He had been in ill health since suffering a stroke September 1.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Halker Pruett, Mr. Pruett was born February 2, 1879 at Ben Ficklin. In 1880 the Pruett family moved to Fort Davis.

About a year after their arrival in Fort Davis, the Pruett family settled on 160 acres in Musquiz Canyon, and they increased their family funds by selling milk and butter to the fort. The family also increased its land holdings and in time became prominent and wealthy.

The last fight between Fort Davis residents and the Apaches started in September, 1880 when an Indian shot one of the Pruett's cows and shot at one of the boys, Ed. The fight lasted for nine days.

Mr. Pruett married Miss Mable Brown on December 26, 1901. The couple lived on the Pruett ranch until 1912 when they moved to Marfa. In 1951 the Pruett's celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Pruett died January 20, 1959.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Jettie Pruett Peavy of Sanderson; two sons, Ben R. Pruett of Marfa and Ed L. Pruett of El Paso; four sisters, Mrs. A. G. Prude and Mrs. J. W. Espy, both of Fort Davis, Mrs. Steve Ward of Pecos, and Mrs. Ben Smith of Amarillo; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

R. B. MITCHELL

RICHARD BURTON MITCHELL, 63, Marfa ranchman, died January 17 in an El Paso hospital. Mr. Mitchell was born in Marfa in 1896. He was an inspector for the Marfa Production Credit Assn., a director of the Highland Hereford Assn., and a member of the Texas Cattlemen's Assn. He ranches on the place where his family settled near Marfa in 1884. Surviving are his wife; a step-daughter, Valda Baygent; two daughters, Mrs. Martin Selinfreund of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Larry Englehart, Miami, Florida; one sister, Mrs. Bishop Bailey, Marfa; and two brothers, Joe and Hayes Mitchell, both of Marfa.

F. A. ELLIS

FREDERICK ARTHUR ELLIS, 75, retired Menard County ranchman, died January 8 in Menard Hospital. Mr. Ellis was born in Menard County in 1884, where he lived his entire life. Surviving are his wife; one son, Frederick Ellis Jr., Menard; one daughter, Mrs. Billy Martin, Mason; and one sister, Mrs. F. P. Neel, Menard.

S. N. (SAM) ALLEN

S. N. (SAM) ALLEN, 94, prominent West Texas ranchman and a long-time benefactor of Abilene Christian College, died January 15, in an Abilene hospital.

Born November 19, 1865, in Austin County, Mr. Allen and his parents were among the first settlers at old San Felipe on the Brazos River. On December 8, 1896, Mr. Allen married Miss Edna S. Tomlinson. The couple lived on the Allen homestead until moving to Tom Green County in 1902. At that time they acquired ranch land near Christoval, and they lived at Christoval for 36 years. Mr. and Mrs. Allen were active in civic, church, and cultural development where ever they lived.

For a number of years Mr. Allen served as county commissioner from Precinct 4 in Tom Green County, prior to moving to Abilene in 1938. He was always a practicing soil conservationist on his ranches in Tom Green, Dawson, Edwards, and Terrell Counties. The ranches were divided with his children a number of years ago.

Thought of by many as the father of agriculture at Abilene Christian College, Mr. Allen served on the board of trustees from 1929 until 1951, when he resigned because of his age. He donated the college its first farm — 144 acres — which he gave to the agriculture department for instructional and experimental work.

Mr. Allen was a member of several livestock organizations, including the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders' Association, and others.

Mrs. Allen preceded her husband in death. She died August 17, 1956, four months before the couple's 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Allen's five surviving children include two daughters, Mrs. E. W. Hardgrave of Sanderson and Mrs. G. A. Scruggs of Abilene; and three sons, Robert N. Allen of Sanderson; J. Sam Allen of Lamesa; and Herman Allen of Menard and Christoval. Also surviving are sixteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

MRS. JACK C. MILLER

MRS. JACK C. MILLER, wife of Dr. J. C. Miller, former dean of agriculture at Texas A & M College, died January 7 in Corvallis, Oregon, after a long illness.

Dr. Miller is presently on the staff of Oregon State College.

Surviving are one son, Richard, a student at Oregon State College, and two daughters, Mrs. Clayton Daniel and Mrs. C. L. Scholls of Houston.

LOUIS R. JONES

LOUIS R. JONES, San Angelo, died January 2 at St. John's Hospital, San Angelo. A veteran of World War One, and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mr. Jones had ranching interests in Schleicher, Irion, Pecos and near Forsan. He was also a cattle brand inspector. Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Charlie Bryant; a brother, Barney Jones, all of San Angelo; a sister, Mrs. J. S. Pieratt of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and two grandchildren.

JESS ABRAHAM MARLEY

JESS ABRAHAM MARLEY, 83, former Oklahoma oil man and retired Crockett County ranchman, died January 3 in the Crockett County Hospital after suffering a stroke on Christmas Day.

Born in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, November 4, 1876, Mr. Marley moved with his widowed mother and brothers and sisters to the Oklahoma Territory at the age of 17. He helped to develop the town of Hastings, Oklahoma, and was a successful oil operator for many years in Oklahoma.

Mr. Marley married Miss Abbye Pierce of Ozona on December 25, 1907. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pierce, Sr., early day Crockett County ranch people. The Marleys moved to Crockett County in 1937 and ranches south of Ozona. Mrs. Marley died about ten years ago.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Frank Elkins and Mrs. John Price of Waurika, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Olie Snipes of Wichita Falls; one son, Jess J. Marley of Ozona; two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Bowman of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Nora Tyler of Orlando, Florida; one brother, George Marley of Hastings, Oklahoma; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

F. G. APPLETON

FREDERICK G. APPLETON, 68, McCulloch County ranchman, died December 9 at Brady. Mr. Appleton was born in 1891 at Camp San Saba where he lived his entire life until moving to Brady about 15 months ago. Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Ernest Johnson and Mrs. Bill Strickland, both of Brady, and Mrs. Jimmy Acheson of Irving; two sons: Gordon Appleton of Brady and Elwood Appleton of Camp San Saba; two brothers: Donald and Raymond Appleton, both of Camp San Saba, and two sisters: Mrs. Ed Rivenburgh and Mrs. Marshall Bean, both of Camp San Saba.

THOMAS EASTERWOOD

THOMAS (TOM) EASTERWOOD, 60, long-time West Texas ranchman, died December 18 at his ranch home in Alpine.

Born in Ingram, Texas, April 28, 1899, Mr. Easterwood moved to Alpine with his family in 1911. The family owned a ranch in the Glass Mountains area.

For a time Mr. Easterwood served as constable at Christoval. In the early 1940's he moved from Alpine to Barnhart, but he retained his ranching interests in Comanche and Alpine. He recently operated the water plant in Barnhart.

Survivors include one son, Thomas D. Easterwood, Jr., of Houston; one brother, Edwin E. Easterwood of Red Rock, New Mexico; five sisters, Mrs. Charles Wallace of Alpine, Mrs. Ira Hector of Fort Davis, Mrs. Marion Matthews and Miss Susie Easterwood, both of Barnhart, and Mrs. Lavelle Rixford of Fabens.

GEORGE W. LEWIS

GEORGE W. LEWIS, 90, retired cattleman and a pioneer settler in Christoval, died January 28 in a San Angelo hospital.

Born February 20, 1869, in Leon County, Mr. Lewis moved to Llano County in 1881 and to Christoval in 1908. His wife was the former Miss Frances Hall, whom he married December 4, 1892. Mrs. Lewis died in 1944.

When he first moved to Christoval Mr. Lewis bought two sections of land for \$4.00 per acre. Since then he has leased the same land for \$20.00 per acre and received up to \$50.00 per acre in royalties. Mr. Lewis once stated that before he married he had sold yearlings for as little as \$5.00 per head. Primarily a cattleman, Mr. Lewis also bought and sold land, and as he once told a reporter, did "anything else to make a living."

A former deputy sheriff in Christoval, Mr. Lewis built the first bathhouse in that town. He also drilled the first water wells there.

Survivors include three sons, J. D. and G. O. Lewis, both of Christoval, and J. A. Lewis of Seagraves; a sister, Mrs. Jane Clary of Comanche; two grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a great-great-grandchild.

MAX RAUSCH

MAX RAUSCH, 56, life-long Kendall County resident and a stockfarmer there for many years, died at his home November 5 following a heart attack.

Survivors include his wife, the former Erna Zoeller; two daughters, Mrs. C. A. Weeks of Blanco and Mrs. Richard G. Saur of San Antonio; and one son, Raymond Rausch of Comfort.

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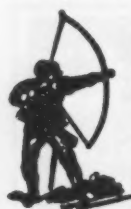
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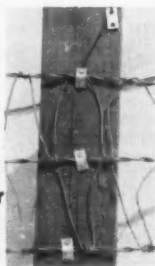
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OHIO AND TEXAS TEENAGERS WIN TOP HONORS IN NATIONAL WOOL SEWING CONTEST

It's a summer holiday in Paris, London and Rome for the two grand prize winners in the 13th annual "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest, Elizabeth Bennett, 17, of Salem, Ohio, and Paula Obrecht, 19, of Claude, Texas. Competing in the junior division, Elizabeth, a junior at Andrews School for Girls in Willoughby, Ohio, won her trip with an all-wool gold, brown and gray plaid skirt, topped with a short brown wool jacket. For a touch of color she also made her yellow wool jersey blouse. A lightweight beige wool crepe dress was the prize-winning entry in the senior division by Paula. Marcheta Wood took second prize in the junior division—a \$300 scholarship plus a console sewing machine—with a light beige wool flannel suit. Highlight of the fashion was a short waist-length jacket with detachable fur collar. A junior at O'Donnell High School, Marcheta plans to go to college as a preliminary to a career in the fashion world. Modeling is one of her favorite hobbies.

WHERE THERE'S a wool there's a way! Two teenage sewing queens proved it January 25 at the Gunter Hotel by winning a two-week summer holiday in Paris, London and Rome—the top award in the national finals of the "Make It Yourself With Wool" homesewing contest.

Elizabeth Bennett, 17, of Salem, Ohio, and Paula Obrecht, 19, of Claude, Texas, both had their hearts set on the European trip, and their fingers crossed when they entered the contest in their states last fall. Elizabeth, a junior at Andrews School for Girls in Willoughby, Ohio, skillfully sewed her way to the top honors in her state, making for herself an all-wool gold, brown and gray plaid skirt, coordinated with a short, brown collarless jacket. She added a dash of color excitement with a yellow wool jersey blouse with large shirt collar.

Paula entered a Paris design by Lanvin-Castillo, a lightweight beige wool crepe dress in the popular blouson silhouette. The fabric of the bodice is softly draped to simulate the look of a jacket with three-quarter length kimono sleeves. Paula, a sophomore at Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas, plans to pursue a career in fashion designing.

The two young ladies led 38 other state finalists in the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest. They plan to make their trip in June or July via Pan American World Airways.

Several thousand girls between the ages of 13 and 22 enter the contest each year in 20 western and midwestern states. The contest, which is designed to show young girls how easy it is to sew with wool, offers prizes totaling \$45,000.

Following state-wide eliminations at which state champions are selected, the top home sewing experts appear in the National Fashion Show, which is a highlight of the annual convention of the National Wool Growers Association. The association's Women's Auxiliary co-sponsors the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest with the Wool Bureau.

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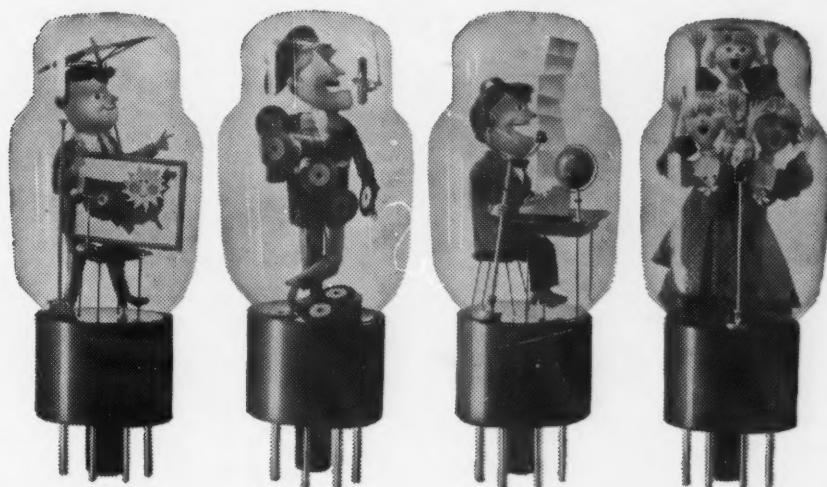
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